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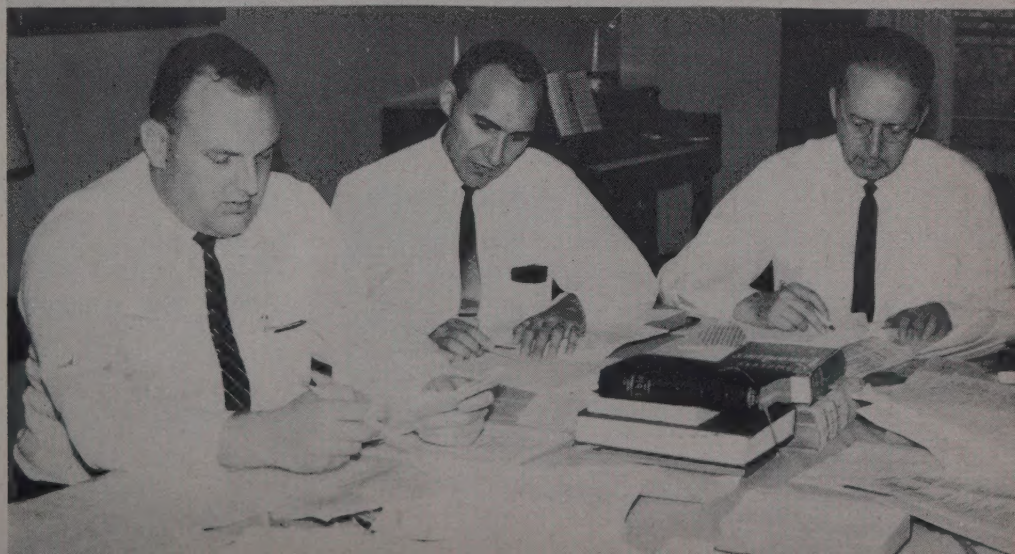
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IT'S HARD WORK
DEVELOPING
TOPICS FOR YOUTH



IN MEMORY . . .

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff



In the No. 1 city of the 50th state of the United States, August 6-9, there will come together Christian Endeavorers from the lands and islands bordering on the Pacific for the 4th Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. In a very real sense this conference, like its predecessors, is a living memorial to a great Christian Endeavorer. Clark Vandersall Poling, one of the four chaplains who gave their lives during the sinking of the U.S.S. DORCHESTER in 1943, was a product of Christian Endeavor. His memory lives to challenge us in these days.

For fifteen years, the Clark V. Poling Memorial Fund, established in memory

of Dr. Daniel A. Poling's son, has been used to bring countless numbers of delegates to World's Christian Endeavor Conferences and Conventions. First used in the first post-war conference in Bournemouth in 1948, it was used again for London, Washington, Frankfurt, Mexico City, and Sydney.

The attention of the Clark V. Poling Fund in 1964 is directed to the Pacific Area Conference scheduled for Honolulu. This is our opportunity for financial help for delegates from abroad who would otherwise not be able to attend the conference. Of particular interest to Christian Endeavorers in Pennsylvania is the attempt in 1964, through the Clark V.

Poling Fund, to see that World's U. President Clyde W. Meadows and International Society President Arch J. Quilkin are in Honolulu for the important conference. Following the conference they will travel to Christian Endeavor in the major islands of Hawaii.

Gifts to the Clark V. Poling Fund will be sent to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. These gifts are deductible for Federal income tax purposes. This is a person-to-person experience of world friendship. In the spirit of Clark V. Poling, sharing in this fund perpetuates his love and concern for fellow human beings.

Coming Events

July

6-12—Minnesota Mid-America Camp, Alexandria

Contact: Mrs. Ernest Hone, Jr., 9001 Eden Prairie Road, Hopkins 55343

14-18—North Carolina Young People's Conference, Crestmont

Contact: B. J. Adams, 706 Sycamore Road, Graham 27253

20-24—Washington State Leadership Conference, Bellingham

Contact: Mrs. Reuben Ausink, 901 Front Street, Lynden 98264

August

3-8—Pennsylvania Convention, Chambersburg

Contact: Gordon McMordie, 33 Bridle Path Lane, Feasterville 19048

7-9—North Carolina Adult Bible Conference, Crestmont

Contact: B. J. Adams, 706 Sycamore Road, Graham 27253

9-15—Oregon Leadership Training Conference, Rockaway

Contact: Miss Dorothy E. Howes, 303 Davis Building, Portland 97204

10-15—Virginia Convention, Bridgewater

Contact: Mrs. Raymond P. Rusnak, Route #1, Box 144, Disputanta 23842

14-16—California Convention, Stockton

Contact: Mr. John C. Jones, P.O. Box 786, Lebec 93243

COVER CLUES

When the Youth Work Committee met May 12-14 at Columbus headquarters one section (lower photo) developed 1966 topics, Scriptures, annotations, and daily Bible readings for Junior Highs, the other worked on Senior High-Young People's items. Turn to Page 5 for committee names.



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Inviting Youth to

Witness through

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR'S CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM

Youth and Christian Endeavor societies participating in Christian Endeavor's 1965 Citizenship Awards Program will be eligible for the Albert H. Diebold Awards, totaling \$1,500 in cash, trips, award emblems, plaques, and honor certificates.

"This year's program is again directed toward individuals and societies or similar youth groups," reported Rev. Christian A. Tirre, citizenship director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, as he announced the program.

"The 1965 program," continued Mr. Tirre, "is designed to encourage youth to witness for Christ in their communities in the realm of daily citizenship. The Awards Program is an opportunity for youth to put into practice their Christian convictions."

The International Society's 1965 Christian Citizenship Witness, including the Awards Program, a campaign against obscene literature, and a program of education on the effects of teen-age smoking, is made possible through a gift from the Diebold Foundation. Albert H. Diebold, a Christian layman of New York City who died February 17, has made generous contributions to citizenship programs for the last eight years.

The individual section of the 1965 Awards Program is open to all youth in the United States or Canada who have not reached their 25th birthday by February 15, 1965. Entries can include significant articles, editorials, talks, posters, black and white photographs, or cartoons developed, written, or released after May 31, 1964, and used as a Christian witness in the community by February 15, 1965, the deadline for mailing entries.

The society section is open to all Christian Endeavor societies or similar youth groups in the United States or Canada to a combination of societies or youth groups in a local church. The majority of the members of participating societies must be under 25 years of age. Each group must sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity before after May 31, 1964. Deadline for mailing entries is also February 15, 1965.

Winners of the Albert H. Diebold Awards will be announced on April 26, 1965. The first award in the individual category will be \$125 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$100) for the expenses of attending full time the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Dallas, Texas, July 6-10, 1965. The second place winner will receive \$100

plus a maximum grant of \$75 for convention expenses, while the young person in third position will be given \$75 plus a maximum grant of \$50 toward convention expenses. Fourth award will be \$50, with awards of \$25 each to the next three runners-up. The top seven winners will receive special award emblems, with honor certificates being presented to all qualified entrants.

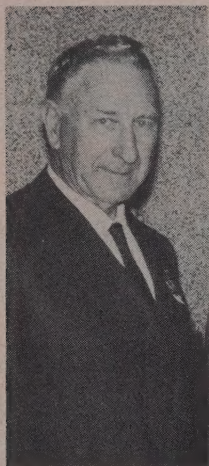
The society taking top honors will receive \$150 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$150) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives, who must be members of the award-winning society, to attend the International Convention. The group placing second will receive \$100 in cash plus a maximum grant of \$75 for expenses of its representatives in going to Dallas, while the society in third place will receive \$75 plus a maximum grant of \$50 for convention representatives. An award of \$50 goes to the fourth place society, with the next three runners-up receiving \$25 each. Special plaques will be presented to the top seven winners, with all other qualified entrants receiving honor certificates.

Entries in the individual section will be evaluated on the basis of originality, excellence of literary or art form used, the manner in which they implement the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and Christian witness to the community. Society entries will be evaluated on the basis of group participation in the activity, goals established or achieved, the manner in which they implement the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and Christian witness to the community. Areas of concern suggested in this folder are: home relationships, civic responsibilities, wholesome recreation, race relationships, narcotics, gambling, obscene literature, and observance of the Lord's Day.

At the July 6 opening session of the International Summer Assembly at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, the 1964 Citizenship Awards Program winners will receive their awards. Margaret Jean Leseiko of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, will receive the top individual award, with first place honors in the society section going to the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Covington, Ohio.

Full details about the 1965 Awards Program and a copy of the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" may be secured by writing to Mr. Tirre at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Opportunities for Individuals and Societies



George H. Nelson

George Nelson to Speak At World's Fair July 18

George H. Nelson of Australia, vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will be the featured speaker at the special Christian Endeavor Day service July 18 at the New York World's Fair.

This event is scheduled for 2:15 P.M. in the auditorium of the Protestant and Orthodox Center. Others participating include Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, and Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary, who will preside. Singing will be led by Rev. James J. Dracup, field secretary of the New Jersey Union, with Jane Barkley of Philadelphia as the pianist and Charles H. Emely, also of Philadelphia, as trumpeter. Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk of Michigan will be soloist.

Christian Endeavorers may register throughout the day at a special desk at the Center. This is in the Industrial Area, near Main Gate No. 1, which is served by the subway and the Long Island Railroad.

Several chartered buses will bring delegates to the Fair from Philadelphia. It is anticipated that many Christian Endeavorers from various parts of the United States and Canada will also participate.

Mr. Nelson has been an active Christian Endeavorer leader in Australia for almost half a century. He lives in Brisbane, Queensland, where he and his wife are active in Aspley Methodist Church. He is a retired banker and has held numerous civic offices.

Activities to Center in Hawaii This August

Two exciting events are scheduled this August in Hawaii. August 6-9 many Endeavorers from countries bordering on the Pacific ocean will be in Honolulu for the 4th Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. August 1-21 members of the Hawaiian Fellowship tour will visit five of the Islands.

Harold Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Union and tour party director, was in Honolulu June 16-20 to complete final arrangements. He met with many leaders who were attending the Aha Paeaina of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president, is scheduled to preach August 2 at Makiki Christian Church, where Dr. Chester Terpstra is minister.

The conference features mass meetings, conferences and assemblies, a communion service, fellowship luncheons and a luau, and a closing worship service. Most sessions will be held in historic Kawaiahao Church, with the luau Saturday night at Kamaikapili Church and some daytime activities at Makiki Christian Church.

Tour party members will meet with the Christian Endeavor society at the Kalaupapa leper colony on Molokai on August 3 and will fellowship with Endeavorers on the Islands of Maui, Kauai and Hawaii following the conference.

Conference speakers and leaders in addition to Bishop Meadows and Mr. Westerhoff include Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president; Rev. Edward Kahale, Hawaiian Association past president; George H. Nelson (Australia), World's Union vice-president; Rev. Takashi Oku (Tokyo), Japan Union director; Mrs. Ernest R. Bryan, World's Union honorary field secretary; and Frances M. Becker, International Society vice-president.



MOTHER CHURCH OF HAWAII
KAWAIAHAO CHURCH

HONOR SOCIETIES

Since the last list was published societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during the Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1964 Society Roll Call. Organizations listed below contributed during April and May. Those receiving gold seals have contributed \$50 or more; red seals represent a gift of \$30 and blue seals \$15.

Gold Seal

Senior High-Young People's, Talmage Memorial Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Sunday School, Talmage Memorial Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Calumet Division, Chicago Union, Chicago, Illinois
Senior High, First Christian Church, Crown Point, Indiana
Young People's, Collingswood Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey

Blue Seal

South West Division, Chicago Union, Chicago, Illinois
Mt. Gilead General Baptist Church, Boonville, Indiana
College, College Park United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
General Baptist, Board of Religious Education, Inc., Newburgh, Indiana
Shady Grove General Baptist Church, Corydon, Kentucky
Seabree General Baptist Church, Seabree, Kentucky
Bark Hill Church of God, Union Bridge, Maryland
First United Brethren Church, Hillsdale, Michigan
Alumni Fellowship of New York City, New York
West Second Avenue United Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio
Intermediate, Grace United Brethren Church, Sherston, Ontario
Bethany Evangelical United Brethren Church, Dover, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Intermediate Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Adult Community, Zion's Church of Christ, Greenville, Pennsylvania
Doubling Gap Church of God, Newville, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Central Schwenkfelder Church, Worcester, Pennsylvania
Northeast Intermediate Branch, Philadelphia Union, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Westminster United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Intermediate, Beverly Hills United Presbyterian Church, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania
Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, Rhode Island
Senior, Olivet Christian Church, Newport News, Virginia
Senior, Trinity Reformed Church, Fox Lake, Wisconsin
Intermediate, Trinity Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin
Elmslie Memorial Church, Georgetown, Grenada, British West Indies

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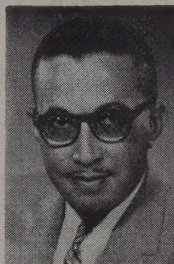
HEADING the Oregon Union is Jodyne Eastwood, whose home is in Tillamook where she is a member of First Christian Church. She has just completed her sophomore year at

Lewis and Clark College, Portland, where she is majoring in music education. While at school she is a student member of the Christian Church of Tigard where she is pianist and helps with the High School Christian Endeavor.

national Society for a supply for use in your society or union. No charge, of course.



Rev. Harry B. Williams



Rev. Howard C. Jones



KEEN TEENS are these attractive Christian Endeavor lassies who were among the 3,000 delegates at the Australian national convention in Brisbane this year.

E-ELECTED president of the Washington State Union is Mrs. Marjorie Ausink, who is advisor of the Senior High Society at the First Reformed Church in Lynden where her husband Reuben is organist.



Mrs. Ausink has been a state and district officer for more than 20 years and says she "loves kids." Her daughter Kathy studied at Yakima Valley College this year. The Ausinks also have a 10-year-old son, Rich.

• **TWO CHAPEL SPEAKERS** at the International Summer Assembly July 6-11 on the campus of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, will be associates of Billy Graham. Rev. Harry B. Williams and Rev. Howard C. Jones are both assisting in the Central Ohio Billy Graham Crusade July 10-19. Mr. Williams worked for Overseas Crusades in six countries of Southeast Asia before joining the Billy Graham Team. Mr. Jones is in charge of "Operation Africa" for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and makes his home in Monrovia, Liberia. Another outstanding chapel speaker will be Mrs. Samuel Vander Meer, United Presbyterian missionary from Morris Fork, Kentucky. Christian Endeavorers will gather at Otterbein College for a week's study and training. Reports of the Assembly will appear in the September issue of **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD**.

• **GOLDEN RULE ENDEAVORERS** celebrated the 40th anniversary of the union at a meeting May 24 at Galbraith A.M.E. Church in Washington, D.C. Thaddeus Chase, who helped organize the union, and other older Endeavorers were honored at this event, when Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society, was the speaker.

• **MRS. RENATA D. ENGLBERG**, daughter of F. J. Hoogenraad, Netherlands Union leader, will be spending a year in the United States with her husband and baby daughter. Her husband, a medical doctor from Denmark, will practice for a year beginning this July in Denver, Colorado. The Englbergs plan to visit the New York World's Fair en route to Denver. They hope to contact Christian Endeavorers in both cities.

• **DALLAS PRAYER REMINDERS** are now being distributed. Use these to help prepare by prayer for the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention in "Big D" July 6-10, 1965. Write to the Inter-



PREPARING TOPICS are Adult Work Committee members (top photo) who met February 21 at Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio. Shown are (left to right) Timothy J. Kribs, chairman; Joan Pyle; Wanda Sell; Rev. Christian A. Tirre, educational secretary; and Rev. R. P. Carter. Series IV Young Adult and Adult Topics for use in 1965 were completed. The Children's Work Committee prepared 1966 Primary Units and Junior Topics when they met April 3-4. Left to right (lower photo) are Mrs. Kent Maxwell; Florence Zimmerman, chairman; Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr.; and Mr. Tirre. Mrs. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr., was absent because of illness.



YOUTH WORK COMMITTEE MEMBERS on the front cover include (upper photo), from left, Elwood Dunn, chairman; Mr. Tirre; Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf; and Delno W. Brown; and (lower photo) Rev. Roger D. Vander Kolk; Rev. C. K. Nicholson; and Rev. Clair E. Beatty, Junior High section chairman. Rev. Edgar L. Mack was unable to be present.

Ready - for - YOUTH RESOURCES



PUBLICITY PLANS

by Mrs. Ray Pulsifer

Two types of publicity sometimes overlooked by societies are perhaps the simplest and can be done by any society, large or small. These two mediums when used to their fullest can be the most effective methods of publicity for the society.

Look around your Christian Endeavor room, notice that one wall that harbors a large cork picture? No, that's not a picture after all, that's a blank bulletin board! It's a shame that many of our societies do have blank bulletin boards! Or, too many times they are so cluttered you couldn't read anything on them even if you tried.

Take another good look at that bulletin board. Is it in a good place, one that can be easily seen when entering the room? Is it placed so it can be reached for close viewing? If your society does not own a bulletin board, perhaps it can be persuaded to purchase one.

Now, your publicity project begins. Start out with some ways to end "bulletin board blues." For most societies, a once a month overhaul is required. Here's a list of steps to be taken in this overhaul.

First, a *theme* should be picked for the month. It could be the one the devotional committee has selected for its devotional emphasis, or one that symbolizes the month or a particular holiday. For an example use the theme, "School Days — Witnessing Days" for the month of September.

Your next step will be to select a *color scheme* that will coincide with the theme; you might use maroon and gold or your school colors.

Now that you have established the colors you want to work with, you should *select the information* that will be placed on the bulletin board. Each society committee should be contacted and asked to submit anything that should be announced or emphasized in the month of September; your counselor and minister should also be contacted. After this information is all gathered you will perhaps find that you have a list of articles like this:

1. The names of the leaders for September's meetings.
2. Society committee meeting dates.
3. Announcements of coming events — a rally or a party.
4. Some snapshots of a pizza party held in August.
5. A flyer promoting an outstanding speaker for a church service on Rally Day.
6. Rules for the Sunday school attendance contest.

So, you have six major items to place on an average size bulletin board. Of course, some of these items are written in long-hand, others scribbled on scraps of paper, etc. Immediately, you realize you must have some sort of *uniformity*. Typing, printing, or writing can all be effective if neat and easy to read. The type of paper and even the shape you select to place your information on will add much eye appeal to your bulletin board. Your theme is about school so perhaps we could put all your articles on old-fashioned chalk slates cut out of construction paper. You can use various sizes depending on the space needed for each announcement. Printing each article in white or colored ink will certainly attract attention. Be brief and concise but don't forfeit the facts. As you write up each article make these announcements interesting and inviting.

After each article has been carefully printed on your slate arrangement comes next! You must avoid overcrowding and you use your space to its best advantage. Try several arrangements of a table before actually placing everything on the bulletin board. This will save time and give you the best possible arrangement.

It is a very good idea to place someone in charge of the bulletin board each month or perhaps a member of the church activity committee could be given the responsibility. Be sure to always keep these four "keep it" rules in mind as you use your bulletin board.

1. Keep it current;
2. Keep it neat;
3. Keep it informative;
4. Keep it eye-appealing.

Another means of publicity that can be used effectively by your Christian Endeavor society is the post office; everyone enjoys receiving mail. This method of using the mail is often referred to as *personal publicity* — the personal invitation that is mailed to each member and prospect. There is something warm and friendly about receiving in the mail a special invitation to a devotional meeting or party given by the Christian Endeavor society.

Another advantage about sending the publicity to the home of the member is that he can open and read it during his leisure time. Many times when publicity is handed out at Christian Endeavor church, or school it is hastily read and misplaced because of lack of time or too many distractions. When the publicity is received at home it is many times placed on a person's personal bulletin board. If it is a clever and attractive item the invitation is sometimes shared with the entire family. Many times different members will inquire of each other to see if they too received the publicity. So, be sure your mailing list is current and correct!

As you prepare your publicity please keep in mind the postal regulations as to size. There is no limit to the shapes, designs, and novel ideas you can come up with to use as invitations. If the proper size envelope cannot be purchased, you can make your own envelope and this usually adds to the uniqueness of the personal publicity.

The lookout committee will enjoy this particular type of publicity because of the many, many ideas that are available to it. Ideas can be found in party books, game books, pattern books, devotional meeting materials, and there are even books published for just this purpose. These books will start the committee working and give it many ideas.

Ways in which to make these invitations attractive are numerous as the art supplies found in any variety of stationery store — color crayons, water colors, colored pencils, colored ink, glitter-pens, felt pens, poster paint, stickers, decorative tape, gift wrap paper, colored construction paper, ribbon, party favors, etc. A quick browse through the art department will stir up the imagination and suggest to your lookout committee endless items to be used and purchased.

Be sure, as the committee selects ideas and materials, it will coordinate with the program you are publicizing and suggest to the receiver a particular type of program.

The lookout committee can and should be one of the most interesting committees of your society. It certainly is one of the most vital. Many times members who have served on this committee have discovered artistic talents they didn't know they possessed. It is also fulfilling work knowing you are responsible for the members being well informed, and as your society grows knowing you are a part of that progress.

If your society does not use good publicity, be sure to start right away. The two methods suggested, are just two of the many methods your lookout committee can use to inform the members of the society's activities.

Topics

FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

Be Refreshed

Mark 6:30-32

To the Counselor

This topic will require careful preparation in order to create the proper atmosphere and result. The meeting would be best if held outdoors—even in a deserted lot or vacant spot.

Encourage the Junior Highs to use the *Daily Bible Readings* printed in *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD* in their daily devotions. Secure copies of the folder *What Is the Quiet Hour?* (35¢ a dozen; \$2.50 per hundred) from the Publishing Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

The meeting should close with a meaningful consecration service. Assist your society president in developing plans for the closing consecration service.

Publicity

Make a poster of a teen-ager sitting at the table with an open Bible and a glass of orange juice. In bold print, write "Be Refreshed," and at the bottom of the picture put the name of the society and the time and place of the meeting.

Another idea would be to secure little brightly colored plastic cups for distribution among the Sunday school teen-agers. Tape a piece of paper inside the cup telling about the meeting, or place the paper around the cup with the use of a rubber band.

Creating an Atmosphere

For an indoor meeting make the following preparations. At the door have a sign with the words, "Silence Please." Instead of having the room arranged with chairs in rows, have tables and chairs. At each table have a container of orange juice and beside it place an open Bible. Appoint a person at each table to serve. While the group is gathering have a prepared tape recording of quiet music, such as organ music, played. Continue the music during the drinking of the orange juice; there should be no talking especially among the groups.

For an outdoor meeting select some refreshing or secluded spot such as a shady area by a body of water. On a tree approaching the area have a sign with the words, "Be Worshipful." Have the group sing, *Softly and Tenderly* as they come near the chosen spot.

Our Aims

1. To learn of varied means of relaxation.
2. To have Junior Highs experience refreshment during the meeting.
3. To show the need for spiritual refreshment.

Leader's Talk

Be Refreshed is the title of our topic. Our bodies, minds, and spirits need refreshing or reviving.

Today we have jet-like drugs that make us feel well quickly, but our bodies still need time to restore broken down tissues and resistance. One person had been fighting a cold for about a month, and had visited the doctor several times. Finally the doctor said, "Go to bed for two days."

Our minds also get tired, and we can't think as clearly as we'd like to think. We have all found that a good night's rest made the day move along more smoothly.

Just as our bodies and minds need rest, so our souls need attention. We need to take time out with God for spiritual reviving and growth.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Quiet Music: (to create an atmosphere of worship)
 Song Service: *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer; Spirit of the Living God; Jesus Calls Us*
 Prayer
 Leader's Talk
 Hymn: *Be Still, My Soul*
 Means of Refreshment
 Hymn: *Near to the Heart of God*
 Biblical Illustrations
 Instrumental Music
 Discussion
 Consecration Service
 Benediction

Christ and His disciples felt their need for relief and refreshing as we see from our Scripture lesson. (Read Mark 6:30, 31.) And in Matthew 14:23, we read that Christ went apart to pray.

Means of Refreshment

Pass out individual papers, and have each one write on his paper something that brings relaxation to him. If there are table groups, have one group deal with the body, another with the mind, and still another with the spirit. Then, have each one give his answer or have the leader for each table report.

Next, have the following Scripture references read, and have the individual reading the reference state the means of refreshment. Exodus 31:17; I Samuel 16:23; I Kings 13:7; Job 32:20; Isaiah 28:12, 13; Proverbs 25:13; Acts 3:19, 20; Romans 15:32; I Corinthians 16:17, 18; II Corinthians 7:13; II Timothy 1:16.



Biblical Illustrations

1. An Angel Refreshes Elijah

Following that terrific victory over Baal at Mt. Carmel there was a flood of rain drops which the land needed. Jezebel was after Elijah's life. Elijah knew this and ran for his life. After having gone a day's journey, probably by foot, he sat under a juniper tree and wished to die; yes, he asked to die.

As he slept an angel touched him and asked him to get up and eat. There was a cake and a cruise of water. Then he laid down again and the angel told him a second time to eat. This time it was meat that sustained him for forty days as he journeyed to Horeb. At Horeb he hid in a cave.

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Then, the Lord spoke to him and asked what he was doing there. Elijah replied that he was the only Israelite that hadn't forsaken the covenant of the Lord, and that his life was in danger.

The Lord told him to stand upon the mountain; there he witnessed a mighty wind, an earthquake, a fire, and finally heard a still, small voice. God spoke through the still small voice, and Elijah came out of the cave.

God gave directions to Elijah, and also informed him that there were still 7,000 in Israel who had not bowed to Baal.

FOR DISCUSSION

Did you ever feel alone and then discovered that you weren't?

2. Jesus Refreshed

After the feeding of the 5,000, Jesus sent the multitude away and told His disciples to go before Him to the other side of the sea. Then He went into a mountain to pray.

In the Gethsemane experience, Jesus wanted the three apostles to pray while He went a stone's throw from them to pray. He felt the need for strength.

Then at the time of the transfiguration, Jesus took Peter, James, and John and went up into a mountain to pray.

FOR DISCUSSION

What would have happened if Jesus did not use prayer to strengthen and refresh Him?

3. The Lame Man Healed

As Peter and John went into the temple to pray, they saw a lame man sitting at the gate. This man had been lame from birth. His reason for being at the gate was to get money from the people as they entered the Temple, so he asked Peter and John for something.

Peter replied, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

The man walked and praised God.

FOR DISCUSSION

Was what the man received better than gold?

What two things did the man get?

Were you ever denied material things but received something better?

A missionary in Africa was sitting by the wayside waiting for a truck or lorry, which is their public means of transportation like our buses are here. Along came a man and asked what good she had for him. Immediately she thought

Questions for Discussion

1. Did Jesus find some things more refreshing than food? Name them.
2. Why do we need refreshing?
3. What different parts of the body need refreshing?
4. We eat three times a day, and then nibble on food between meals; what would happen if we gave our souls an equal amount of attention?
5. What would bring relaxation at the end of the day for a person who works in an office? For the person who works outside?
6. Can one means of refreshment be used to the extent that it would become tiresome? Could too much exercise become harmful?
7. Can vacations become so chucked full of delightful activities that in the end we would be spiritually drained?

that he wanted food or money so she quoted the words of Peter and then told him the story that was just mentioned.

At the conclusion of the story, he said, "Thank you! You folks always have something good to say." The missionary was amazed at this response because she had taken him for a beggar.

FOR DISCUSSION

Do you often fail to seize opportunities by:

- Giving the material when people want the spiritual
- Talking about a ball game when their souls are craving to hear about Christian Endeavor
- Being too busy or rushed to help somebody and consequently miss a blessing for yourselves?

4. Singing at Midnight

As Paul and Silas went to prayer, a fortune-teller followed them saying that Paul and Silas were servants of the most high God. She continued this for many days.

Finally Paul commanded that the evil spirit come out of her; this he did in the name of Jesus Christ. When her masters saw that they could not make any more money through her, they had Paul and Silas thrown into the inner prison with their feet placed into stocks. And guess what they did at midnight — sang praises to God!

FOR DISCUSSION

How would you act if you were wrongfully thrust into jail?

Would you find singing refreshing?

5. Water That Was Not in the Well

As Jesus sat at Jacob's Well, a woman of Samaria came to get water. She was amazed when He being a Jew asked her for a drink. Jesus informed her that He had living water.

This seemed strange to her. He didn't even have a container with which to draw water. Then Jesus said that He had water that would be a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

When He revealed His knowledge of her past life, and His spiritual knowledge about God being a spirit, and that it isn't the place of worship but our souls that reach God, she began to realize that He was the Messiah!

"She ran to her village and called others to see. She won many to Christ that day. God shows the great spiritual refreshment that is available.

FOR DISCUSSION

Has the material ever replaced the spiritual in your life?

Are you aware of this well of spiritual water within you?

Consecration Service

Call on each member to give a verse of Scripture that has refreshed him. Testimonies would be commendable. Close with directed silent prayer stressing the spiritual sources of refreshment.

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 27	Peace and Silence	Isaiah 30:15-18
T. July 28	Hour of Prayer	Acts 3:1-21
W. July 29	Power Begins with God	Psalms 65
T. July 30	A Pattern for Prayer	Matthew 6:9-15
F. July 31	Paths of God	Psalms 25
S. Aug. 1	Aglow with Christ	Romans 8:12-17
Sun. Aug. 2	Topic: Be Refreshed	Mark 6:30-32

Comments by Erma L. Funk, Greencastle, Pennsylvania, an elementary schoolteacher and former missionary in Sierra Leone under the United Brethren in Christ Church

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Tests of Christian Character

Joshua 24:15; Luke 10:38-42

Worship and Meeting Outline

Work out your own program outline for the meeting using the following suggestions.

HYMNS: *Lead on, O King Eternal; How Firm a Foundation; Take My Life, and Let It Be; O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee.*

POEM: *What Christ Said* by George McDonald, Quotable Poems, Vol. I, Page 2.

PRAYER: By a Junior High member with a prayer of consecration at the close by the counselor.

ILLUSTRATION: Needed—a large sheet of cardboard, a pencil, a pen, ink, and a pointed tool. Use each of these to draw lines on the cardboard to show the meaning of the Greek word "character." Character means "to cut," to engrave, to make a furrow. That line made with the pointed tool is different from a pencil mark. You might rub out a pencil line or even the mark of a pen, but a line cut with a tool, "a furrow," can't be rubbed out.

TESTIMONIES: Ask three persons from your society to share one or more of the character building experiences in their lives. Have these members take places at a large table and conduct a round table discussion. This will make all feel more intimate toward each other and break down any barriers which might exist in an ordinary "testimony meeting."

Publicity

Do something different; get a big bass drum. When announcements are being made in the Sunday school youth department, have the drummer start at the back. He comes forward with another Endeavorer carrying a placard. "We're drumming up interest in Christian Endeavor. Come to a big meeting planned for tonight (list time and place)"

Talks on the Topic Drop by Drop

Have you ever noticed how an icicle is formed? If you have, you have noticed how it froze one drop at a time until it was a foot or more long. If the water was clear, the icicle remained clear, and

Our Aims

1. To remind Christian Endeavorers that good Christians don't "just happen."
2. To indicate that in this business of living there are no substitutes for hard work and dedication.
3. To study the many Bible illustrations on the seriousness of making right choices.

sparkled almost as brightly as diamonds in the sun; but if the water was slightly muddy, the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled. Just so your characters are forming—one little thought or feeling at a time. If each thought be pure and bright, the soul will be lovely and sparkle with happiness; but if impure and wrong, there will be deformity and wretchedness.

The Set of Your Sails

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmadge used the following as an illustration to the value of character. "I stood on the beach, looking off over the sea, and there was a strong wind blowing; and, noticing that some vessels were going another way, I said to myself: 'How is it that the same wind sends one vessel in one direction and another vessel in another direction?' And I found out, by looking, that it was the difference in the way they had their sails set. And so does trouble come into this world. Some men it drives into the harbor of heaven, and other men it drives on the rocks. It depends on the way they have their sails set. All the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans of surging sorrow can not sink a soul that has asked for God's pilotage.

"One ship drives east, and another west,

By the self-same winds that blow;

'Tis the set of the sail, and not the gale,

That determines which way it goes."

In Judges 8:21 we read "As a man is, so is his strength." Everyone, thus, has character. Character is what you are.

Character is a word that comes from ancient brickyards. It was the mark of the brickmaker in signing his own brick.

- AFFECTIONS
- IDEALS
- ENDURANCE
- AMBITIONS
- FRIENDSHIPS



We take the word now to be the stamp of the individual. It means all that personality means.

The beginning of all character is a battlefield. It takes a real conflict to disclose character. Crises test character.

The Sure Foundation

Paul speaks of two kinds of material, gold, silver, precious stones and wood, hay, stubble. But he warns against the use of the latter because they will not stand the test of fire.

Now, Paul by this fire-test did not only refer to the ultimate judgment day and doom of the sinner, when the great final test of character will take place, but he referred also to those times of temptations and trial in life when the real quality and strength of character are tried and tested. Only those characters which rest upon Jesus Christ and his principles and which have built into themselves the sturdy virtues and sterling qualities will come through these experiences unscathed and true.

Honesty

Honesty is one of the absolutely essential building materials of character. In fact, it may be called the essential quality, without which all other virtues are in vain. For a person may be talented, energetic, generous, companionable, but if he is dishonest, untrustworthy, he is absolutely unfitted to occupy any position of trust and responsibility. The dishonest person in speech or conduct is simple stubble; useless in a society of honest people.

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One may be charitable toward every other sin or failing, for if the guilty person is honest and truthful and willing to be helped, there is hope for him; but the liar, the cheat, the thief has no place among decent people.

Hence, absolute, unwavering honesty and genuine sincerity in heart and life and speech are qualities fundamentally essential to a good character.

Industry

Industry is another essential quality to a good character. The lazy, careless, shiftless character will never succeed in anything he undertakes in this life, hence he cannot gain the approval of God in the end. The wide-awake, alert, industrious, hardworking boy and girl are bound to succeed and develop character of strength and endurance and achievement.

Generosity

Generosity is another quality of the soul that is worthy and noble, that will endure and brighten with age and strain. It is that quality that respects the feelings and rights of others. A quality that is not continually grasping for itself and always grinding down the rights and needs and aspirations of others.

A generous-spirited person not only lives, whether others do or not; he not only "lives and lets live;" but he lives in order that others may live.

Faith

Faith in God and faith in our fellow-men is another quality of a truly great character. No character can be at its best nor achieve its best without a sublime faith in God and in His moral government of the world. Faith lives continually upon the principle of "right makes might," not "might makes right." Faith lives in the atmosphere of the Sermon on the Mount and seeks to practice the Golden Rule. Faith believes firmly that God's love in Christ is for all men to accept or reject. Faith believes simply "that all things work together for good to those that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Faith lives in the radiant confidence of the ultimate triumph of the right and the ultimate overthrow of the evil.

This faith-in-God quality makes a man an optimist. He radiates an atmosphere of good cheer, of kindness and forbearance, of unselfishness and ministry to others.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why is a good character so important?
2. What materials have we to build character with?
3. What habits and desires are we building into character?
4. What place have associates and amusements in the building of character?
5. Why build upon God's plan? What is it?
6. What are some of the fire-tests of character?
7. What models are worth following?

Conclusion

Such qualities described are not easily acquired. One must fight for character. Just to live and drift and dream will not develop character. This will make character impossible. Character means moral strength; all strength comes through struggle, effort, exercise. He who would develop the quality of honesty, integrity, sincerity—must fight all semblance of dishonesty and insincerity. He who would develop the quality of industry must fight laziness and shiftlessness; he who would develop generosity must fight all forms of selfishness and covetousness; he who would develop faith in God must fight doubt and unbelief and self-sufficiency. In this fight for character the Christian has the constant help of Christ, the Church, and Christian friends.

What Affects Character?

1. Character is affected by play. The desire to play hard and fair builds up the will for bigger tasks later.
2. Character is affected by companions. It is true: "Tell me who you go with and I will tell you who you are."
3. Character is affected by reading. Bad books poison the mind as bad pictures do. Good reading forms good ideals.
4. Character is affected by the thought life. "Sow a thought and you reap an act. Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."
5. Character is affected by environment. If the environment is bad we should have sense enough to move out of it.
6. Character is affected by heredity. But a bad heredity can be overcome.
7. Character is affected by religion. The Christian religion can transform character into newness of life.

The Returns of Character

1. SELF RESPECT. There is a line in *The Village Blacksmith* which has a deep mean-

ing; it is this, "He looks the whole world in the face, for he owes not any man." Is not a challenge to us to so live that we can face the world? That cannot be done without self-respect, and self-respect is the result of Christian character.

2. OUR CHARACTERS HELP OTHERS.

*Be noble and the nobleness that lie
In other men, sleeping but never dead,
Will rise in majesty to meet thine own*

3. SPIRITUAL ASSETS. A Christian character is an asset for this life and the next. This after all, is the greatest asset, the greatest return. Christian character can be ours if we will pay the price. Let us feed this part of ourselves that has such great value that it will never cease to grow! Read Philippians 3:7-16 in the light of this story.

A shepherd boy in the Alps, while minding his sheep, saw a strange flower at his feet. He picked it up and the door opened in the hillside. He entered and found a cave piled up with gems; in the center of which sat a gnome, who said, "Take what you wish, but don't forget the best!" He dropped his flower and loaded himself with jewels, then went out, hearing again, "Don't forget the best!" Once more in the open he remembered his "key-flower", and turned back to pick it up; but the door was gone, and in a moment more all his gems had turned to dust. He had forgotten the best, after all. "Take what you want and can of earth's treasures, but don't forget the best—a noble, Christlike character, a character molded according to his own pattern.

The well-known phrase is true: "Sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."

Why not let Christian character bring a high and holy destiny for you?

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

The fourth president of the International Society, Dr. Earle W. Gates, wrote, "The appearance of Christ on the earth is the central fact of all history. The Old Testament sets the stage for it; the New Testament describes it. His coming is the greatest thing in our personal lives. To know more of Him, and of the building of His kingdom, and to share the wisdom of His Word, is more important than anything else on earth."

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 3	Christian Affections	Colossians 3:12-17
T. Aug. 4	Ideals That Lift	Philippians 4:8-13
W. Aug. 5	Our Ambitions	Mark 10:35-45
T. Aug. 6	Endurance Counts	Hebrews 12:3-7
F. Aug. 7	Never Quit	1 Kings 19:9-18
S. Aug. 8	Allow Rights to Others	Matthew 12:1-9
Sun. Aug. 9—Topic:	Tests of Christian Character	Joshua 24:15; Luke 10:38-42

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Voh, editor of BUILDERS, Evangelical United Brethren youth magazine

Topic 1 in a Unit: Program Planning

Foundations That Hold

Isaiah 28:16; 1 Corinthians 3:11

Publicity Plans

Since this is still vacation time, perhaps it would be a good plan to send post cards to all members and prospective members. At a Christian bookstore buy small pictures of Sallman's *Head of Christ* (buy the ones with gummed backs, about one-inch square). Paste these on the post cards along with the information about this meeting.

On your poster at church, use a larger picture of Sallman's *Head of Christ*.

If a verbal announcement is made during Sunday school, be sure that it's short, interesting, to the point, and presented in a friendly and enthusiastic way.

For the Leader

There are several things you will need to do to prepare for this program, but the most important preparation you can make, is to dedicate or rededicate your life to Christ. You can do this anytime, anywhere.

The Lord Jesus Christ is worthy of your best efforts, so give Him your best in fulfilling your responsibilities for this program, and challenge the others who take part to give their best.

Check with the devotional committee chairman about the picture and story of Sallman's *Head of Christ* painting.

Ask those who are taking part in *Through Christ I Can* to bring the objects and the boxes for them.

Have your counselor or pastor lead the part *Take My Life, and Let It Be*.

Building on Christ

Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and a former president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, says, "I believe in Christian Endeavor because it is Christ-centered."

Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society, says that "Christian Endeavor is in the business of turning people around, headed straight toward Jesus Christ." That's why these presidents freely give many hours of time to the work of Christian Endeavor.

The men who served in these high offices before them also gave generously of their time and effort without remuneration because they, too, realized the importance of people building their lives on Jesus Christ.

Many others in Christian Endeavor and in other types of Christian service have built their lives in Christ and are helping others to do this, too.

Our Aims

1. To gain a deeper appreciation of living for the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. To become more aware of the importance of building our lives and our Christian Endeavor society on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

The purposes of our meeting tonight are to help us gain a deeper appreciation of living for Jesus Christ and to become more aware of the importance of building our lives and our Christian Endeavor society on the foundation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

With Christ at Camp

The program leader or another member who is to do the interviewing and the interviewees take their places at the front of the room before a microphone (real or dummy one). They may all be seated or else stand when they speak. (The participants should rehearse this some time before the meeting.)

One or more of the interviewees may

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *The Church's One Foundation*
 Songs: *Fairest Lord Jesus*; *I See Jesus*
 Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 3:11; Matthew 7:24-27; Responsive Reading, number 10 in *Christian Endeavor Songs* (John 15:1-17)
 Song: *I Need Thee Every Hour*
 Sentence Prayers
 Announcements and Offering
 Instrumental Solo: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
 Building on Christ
 With Christ at Camp
 A Telephone Conversation
Through Christ I Can
Sallman's Head of Christ Painting
Take My Life, and Let It Be
 Prayer of Consecration and Benediction

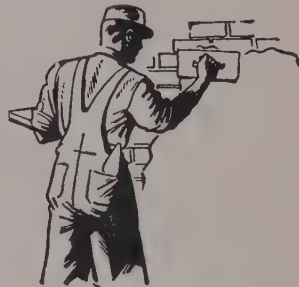
answer each of the questions.

1. What part of the daily activities provided the most help for your spiritual life?

2. How do you think the recreational activities helped you to build your life on Christ?

3. Did you learn anything new about the Lord Jesus Christ?

4. On what occasion did you have the greatest awareness of His presence?



A Telephone Conversation

Have two girls seated at opposite sides of the front of the room with a curtain or partition of some kind between them. Have real-looking telephones for them to use. If you can do so, dim or turn out the lights in the room except those at the front. Perhaps you could have lamps beside each of the two chairs.

JANE: Hello.

DONNA: Hi, Jane. This is Donna. What are you doing?

JANE: Right now I'm working on my part for Sunday's Christian Endeavor meeting.

DONNA: How do you like our meetings?

JANE: I think they're very good. You know what, Donna, the Junior High youth meetings at the church we used to attend were fun, but there wasn't much about them that really made you think about Jesus Christ and what He expects of us. Yours surely do, though. And they're fun, too!

DONNA: A Christian Endeavor society is supposed to be a Christ-centered organization of young people, so I'm glad to hear you say that about our society.

JANE: And its basic principles are confession of Christ, service for Christ, loyalty to Christ's church and fellowship with Christ's people.

DONNA: Say, it sounds like you've been a Christian Endeavor member for a long time.

JANE: (laughter) That's part of my talk for Sunday night.

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DONNA: I was calling to see if you were getting prepared, so I guess that answers that question. Are there any questions you have or anything you need?

JANE: Thanks, but I don't think so—at least not right now. Mr. Bender gave me some material, and with what you gave me I think I'm all set.

DONNA: Okay then, Jane. I'll see you Sunday, if not before. 'Bye now.

JANE: Good-bye.

"Through Christ I Can"

After singing Christian Endeavor's theme chorus for 1963-65, *Through Christ I Can*, those who are taking part in this portion of the meeting will be seated at a table with the objects that symbolize the people they're to talk about in boxes on the table. Introduce one of them; then he will take his object out of its box and place it on the table or hold it in his hand while he gives his talk. (These talks should be given in the speakers' own words.)

In the nineteen centuries since the days when Jesus and Paul lived on earth, many people—young and old—in many countries and under many circumstances have believed and have said with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." And their lives demonstrated what they believed. Without Christ we can do nothing truly worthwhile but with Him we can do all that He asks us to do.

One of these persons is Dr. George Washington Carver. ————— will tell us about him.

FIRST SPEAKER: (holds up some peanuts) How many useful things could you do with these peanuts besides eat them or give them to someone else to eat? Dr. Carver made over 300 products from the peanut. He also produced over 500 dyes for use on leather and fabric that would not fade from washing or light, and he developed 118 products from the sweet potato.

Dr. Carver is widely known not only for these unusual accomplishments, but also as the great scientist who honored God. When he set out to learn something about nature, he expected the One who made the world to reveal some of its secrets to him. He said, "Without God to draw aside the curtain I would be helpless. I discover nothing in my laboratory. If I come here of myself, I am lost. But I can do all things through Christ."

1964 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of this man who was born a slave but who became a great scientist because he believed that Scripture "through Christ I can."

SECOND SPEAKER: (holds up one or two kitchen pans) You may think I'm going to talk about some girl or woman, but I'm not. These pans remind me of an awkward monk named Brother Lawrence, who lived several hundred years ago in France.

His job was to clean the pots and pans in a gloomy old scullery. And as you may have guessed, he didn't like the job. It was a very lonely one, so he got into the habit of talking aloud to Christ, just as if He were physically present with him in the scullery. The Lord Jesus became so real to him that his life, even in that cold, gloomy scullery, became a never-ceasing thrill.

A book written by Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*, tells about it. This book became one of the most famous books ever written.

Brother Lawrence learned that through Christ he could do his duty joyfully, even if it was only cleaning pots and pans.

THIRD SPEAKER: (holds up a teakettle) A Christian teen-ager who lived in the days of the Roman Emperor Hadrian was a boy named Agapetus. Because he was a Christian he did not worship the Emperor, though this was a law of the land.

One day when he was 15 he was arrested and ordered to burn incense in worship of the Emperor. Agapetus said, "No, I can't do that. I worship God. I'll serve the Emperor. I'll die for him. But I will not worship him."

He continued to refuse—even when they threw him into prison, poured boiling water on his feet and legs and flogged him. Finally they took him to the Colosseum and said, "We'll feed you to the hungry lions in there unless you worship the Emperor."

"You may slay me," Agapetus replied, "but I will not put incense on the fire. I am a Christian." So the gate was flung open and Agapetus shoved in for the lions to devour.

For hundreds of years Christians have been thrilled and inspired by the story of Agapetus, a teen-ager who in life and in death knew so well the meaning of these words, "through Christ I can."

FOURTH SPEAKER: (holds up a Bible) About twenty years ago a high school baseball player in Charlotte, North Carolina, was ambitious to be a professional baseball player. Today he is known across the United States and around the world—not as a great baseball player—but as a great preacher of the Gospel; he is evangelist Billy Graham.

Speaking of the time when as a teen-ager he committed his life to Jesus Christ, he has said, "I had sought thrills. I found them in Christ. I had looked for something that would bring perfect joy and happiness; I found it in Christ. I had looked for something that would bring pleasure and that would satisfy the deepest longing of my heart; I found it all in Christ."

Thousands of persons have given their lives to Christ after hearing the Gospel preached by Billy Graham, because he believes that "through Christ I can" and has acted upon that belief in taking the Gospel around the world.

Sallman's "Head of Christ"

Project a slide of Sallman's *Head of Christ* or use a large copy of the painting and have it illuminated while a narrator presents part or all of the material in the booklet *An Interpretation of Sallman's Famous Painting*.

With the picture still before the group, have another person read *Young Jesus*, a poem by Sara Henderson Hay in *Christ and the Fine Arts* by Cynthia Pearl Maus.

Invite those whose life isn't completely committed to Christ to come to the front as all sing the consecration hymn, *Take My Life, and Let It Be*. Urge them to come as a sign of their willingness to give Christ all and as a testimony to the group.

Committee Activities

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: If your society doesn't have copies of the chorus *Through Christ I Can*, copies can be ordered from the Publishing Department of the International Society. Cost is 5c each, 25c a dozen, \$1.50 per hundred.

A copy of the booklet about Sallman's *Head of Christ* painting can be secured through a religious supply house or Warner Press, Anderson, Indiana as well as 2x Kodachrome slides of the painting.

CHURCH ACTIVITY COMMITTEE: Make some specific suggestions of things the members of your society can do for your church as an expression of their commitment to Christ. For example, show respect for the church buildings and grounds, and do something to improve their appearance.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 10	Foundations of a Palace	I Kings 7:3-12
T. Aug. 11	Foundations That Failed	Joshua 6:24-27
W. Aug. 12	A Wise Builder	Matthew 7:24-27
T. Aug. 13	A Sure Foundation	I Corinthians 3:5-11
F. Aug. 14	The Cornerstone	Luke 20:17,18
S. Aug. 15	"Upon This Rock"	Matthew 16:13-20
Sun. Aug. 16—Topic:	Foundations That Hold	Isaiah 28:16; I Corinthians 3:11

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

Topic 2 in a Unit: Program Planning

Construction Kit

I Kings 5:18; Mark 13:1; Revelation 21:10-22

Publicity

Publicize this meeting by personal invitations. The lookout committee members should each contact several members and prospective members by phone or by going to see them. While other methods of publicity have their place, there is no substitute for a sincere, friendly, personal invitation.

Present a skit. Have one group trying to make plans for that evening's program on Sunday morning after Sunday school. One person might be asking, "What did you say I'm supposed to do?" Another could say, "I don't think I'll be there tonight. Can't you get someone else to take my part?" Make it obvious that last-minute, poor planning doesn't arouse interest or enthusiasm for going to a Christian Endeavor meeting. The other group is making plans for a program three or four weeks in advance. The committee is seated in a semi-circle, talking about its plans in a businesslike manner.

Here are two poster ideas. 1. Label each cement block that is part of a wall being built with parts of a good program: prayer, planning, preparation, punctuality, etc. 2. Picture a group of Junior Highs looking bored in a Christian Endeavor meeting. Put a large X across that picture and have a second picture of alert-looking Junior Highs in what appears to be an interesting meeting. The caption could be "Not This, but This."

For the Leader

As important as the material and methods of a program are, there is something still more important, and that's the reason for having the program. In your efforts to have a topnotch program, don't forget to pray for lasting spiritual results in the lives of those who attend. After all, what difference will it make 50 years from now if you had the best program ever presented in any Junior High Christian Endeavor meeting, if no one was helped to know Jesus Christ better and become a Christian or a stronger, more mature Christian because of that program?

Pray as though everything depended on God and work as though everything depended on you.

Be certain to contact the members of the symposium at least three weeks in advance. Check with your counselor for additional resource materials to give them.

Our Aim

To see how we can have better society programs and to be challenged to work at improving future programs.

Ask your counselor to be prepared to lead the discussion in *How Should We Do It?* and the discussion of I Corinthians 3:9-15.

Have paper and pencils on hand for *You Name Them* and *Where Should We Begin?* Also make certain there are Bibles on hand for *Testing Our Building*, including several different versions.

For the Counselor

During this program may be one of those times when it is hard for a counselor to remain on the sidelines. But, as always, it will be better if the young people make the suggestions as to what makes a good program and how to have a good one.

The responsibility of a counselor is not so much to lead a program as it is to help young people lead it. You should encourage your young people to think, discuss, plan, and carry out plans. You should give counsel and advice only when you think they really need it. You often guide by asking them questions.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *I Would Be True*
 Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1,2
 Songs: *Christian Endeavor*; *We Choose Christ*; *Send the Light*
 Vocal Duet or Solo: *Then Jesus Came*
 Prayer
 Announcements and Offering
 Unforgettable Programs
 You Name Them
 Where Should We Begin?
 What Should We Do?
 How Should We Do It?
 Testing Our Building
 Song: *For Christ and the Church*
 Benediction



In connection with this program, make notes of your own soon after the meeting, while it's still fresh in your mind. Before you meet with the devotional committee to plan to implement some of the suggestions made during the program, you can go over your notes in preparation for the meeting.

While good programs are very important, a good program is not the final goal of Christian Endeavor. Practical spiritual results in the lives of young people seven days a week is your aim. Always keep in mind the spiritual objectives of Christian Endeavor.

Unforgettable Programs

A few weeks before this meeting, invite all active and associate members to recall the most unforgettable Christian Endeavor devotional meeting they ever attended. Ask them to write down briefly reasons why they consider a certain one the most unforgettable or to briefly tell the leader for this meeting and the devotional committee about it by August 16. Then the leader and committee will choose three or more (depending upon the amount of time you wish to allow for this) to tell about their most unforgettable meeting as a part of this August 23 program.

If you have the ones who tell about their most unforgettable programs limit their talks to telling *what* was included in the programs and *how* they were presented, then you might have the rest of your group participate in a discussion on *why* they were unforgettable programs.

If your budget will allow it, give some small award for the best account of an unforgettable program.

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You Name Them

Ask each person to write down as many answers to this question as he can think of in three minutes: *What makes a good Christian Endeavor program?* Have each one keep his list and compare it with those named by the members of the symposium.

Ask members of the devotional committee to tell what they think makes up a good program and why. Ask one to talk about the meeting room, another the parts of the program which are carried out before the time of the program, another the elements of the program during the time of the meeting, and another member to talk about what is to be done about the program after it is over.

Here is a partial list including elements to be discussed by the members of the symposium: planning, spiritual motivation, preparation, prayer, topic, purpose, publicity, punctuality, participation, variety, balance, evaluation, follow-up, ventilation, music, lighting, chairs.

Steps to Better Christian Endeavor Meetings, a folder by Rev. Clair E. Beatty, is available from the Department of Christian Education, 402 U.B. Building, Huntington, Indiana. It would be a good resource for the speakers. Also *Planning the Program of a Christian Endeavor Society* (50c) and *1964-65 Guide for Action* (Junior High edition; 25c). These are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Allow time for questions by the group after the talks.

Where Should We Begin?

Divide into groups of from three to eight. Allow five or ten minutes for answering the following question, *Of the various elements of a Christian Endeavor program, which ones do you think our society needs to work at improving?* Number your answers in order of importance.

Choose a chairman and a secretary for each group, and give the secretaries each paper and pencil. The chairman should encourage each person to participate. At the end of five or ten minutes, ask the secretaries to report to the whole group.

What Should We Do?

Ask the members of your executive committee to participate in a brainstorming session on the question, *In what ways do you think our programs need improving in the areas listed by the buzz groups?*

Remember, brainstorming requires positive suggestions. Ring a bell if a negative one is made. A brainstormer may add something to someone else's suggestion after saying, "hitchhike."

Have two persons list their suggestions on a chalkboard as they name them.

How Should We Do It?

After the brainstorming, have your counselor lead the whole group in a discussion of this question, *How do you think we can make these improvements?*

One or two members of the devotional committee should make notes on the discussion of this question.

Testing Our Building

(Read I Corinthians from several versions.) What is the foundation Paul is writing about? How important is a good foundation to a building? Is there more than one foundation on which a spiritual building may be erected? Can a poor building be erected on a good foundation? What is the meaning of the various kinds of building materials, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble?

What do the words in verse 13, "Every man's work" have to do with your life? with your Christian Endeavor society? What is meant by "the day?"

Which of the materials named in verse 12 can withstand fire? What are some of the differences between gold, silver, precious stones and wood, hay, stubble? To what in your life and in your society can you compare these materials?

(Ask each one to spend a few moments in silent meditation and prayer in response to this last question rather than give a verbal answer.) If the day were to come tomorrow, how well do you think the building of your spiritual life and the spiritual life of your society could stand the test of God's fire?

This Is Our Goal

In a talk given during Christian Endeavor Week this year, Earle W. Gates, Jr., a runner-up for the 1963 *Endeavorer of the Year Selection* and the 1961-63 chairman of the Youth Assembly of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, made the following statement, "Christ demands our all, but He is worth it all."

He spoke those words as though he really meant them—and their impact was even greater because he lives as though he really believes what he said.

To lead young people to that point and beyond—this is the goal of Christian Endeavor. That's why we want to

have the best programs we can have—to help bring such spiritual results into the lives of young people.

Committee Activities

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE: This program should be especially valuable to you. Have each of your members take notes on or part of this program, noting particularly suggestions for good programs. Refer to the suggestions at your planning retreat. Then put them into practice in coming weeks. Remember that your weekly programs are the heart of your society's activities.

Perhaps to get a fresh perspective of your programs, you could plan to have an exchange program with the Junior High society of another church in your community or another state or country via tape recording. Order a copy of *Steps to Better Christian Endeavor Meetings, Planning the Program of a Christian Endeavor Society, and Guide for Action 1964-65* (Junior High edition) for use in preparation for the symposium, *You Name Them*.

LOOKOUT COMMITTEE: Provide each member and prospective member with an attractive announcement about the meetings for the next month or for the next three months. Remember, tell them about your planning conference.

Needed Resources

In order to plan your program effectively you will need to secure copies of the following helpful resources.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS: basic textbook on principles, methods, and committee responsibilities. \$1.25.

GUIDE FOR ACTION 1964-65 (Junior High edition), contains lists of topics and monthly suggestions for the six committees from September through August. 25c.

PLANNING THE PROGRAM OF A CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY gives basic counsel to help society leaders develop much better program plans. 50c.

SOME QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, a folder listing twenty desirable characteristics for the Christian leader. 75c a dozen.

HOW TO LEAD, hints for leaders of Christian Endeavor meetings. 20c.

INTEREST FINDER, a check list to discover local interests and needs of youth. 75c a dozen.

A VITAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH, a helpful folder outlining the current biennial theme "Through Christ I Can." Free in limited quantities.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 17 The Builders Who Blundered Genesis 11:1-9
T. Aug. 18 A Time to Build Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
W. Aug. 19 A Building Fitly Framed Ephesians 2:19-22
T. Aug. 20 Restoring the Old Isaiah 58:8-12
F. Aug. 21 Faith That Builds Jude 20-23
S. Aug. 22 God's Building I Corinthians 3:12-15
Sun. Aug. 23—Topic: Construction Kit I Kings 5:18; Mark 13:1; Revelation 21:10-22

Comments by Mary Lou Funk, associate editor of United Brethren publications, Huntington, Indiana

Time Is Important!

Ephesians 5:14-16

For the Leader

Read through the topic several times until you personally know the material thoroughly. Then prayerfully study the topic and let the Lord search your heart as you do so until the material becomes a part of you and not just a topic. Ask help and advice from others who are qualified to give it.

Make a large cardboard clock complete with hands and numbers. A child's play clock could be used. Place it on an easel in front of the group and begin the topic presentation as though the clock were talking. A puppet could be made from a paper clock for this, also. Practice before hand with the clock or puppet.

As each ancient timepiece is mentioned, have a picture or an actual replica made to show the group. Tell the information given for each as much as possible. Several persons from your group could be used to present each timepiece or it may all be done by one person.

Topic Presentation

THE RULING MONARCH: Hi, everybody. It seems as though I've seen everyone here before and I'm sure you have seen me, Mr. timepiece. There are many of us and we've come in various shapes, sizes, colors, and types. Basically we each have the same things—hands, face, numbers, and some inward workings. Down through the centuries timepieces have changed but the purpose of each has always been the same—to tell time.

Please pardon the expression, but if you will allow me the time I'll show you some of my ancestors and tell you about them.

Rope Clock

(Show a rope clock.) The earliest known timepiece was the rope clock. You might like to experiment with making one and see how it works. The Chinese tied knots in a rope certain distances apart. They then set fire to it and counted to see how many knots would burn in a day. Some observers tied the knots just far enough apart so that it would take one hour to burn from one knot to the next. There were many disadvantages to this method of telling time. The rope clock couldn't be used in the house. In rainy weather the fire would go out. In windy weather the rope would burn faster.

Sundial

(Show a sundial.) Another ancient time-telling device which is still in operation is the sundial. This makes use of the time-teller God himself made—the sun. It isn't certain when the first sundial was made and used. We do know that it was used many years before Christ by a king (Isaiah 38:8). Because of its simplicity it was the main timepiece in use up to the year 1700 when clocks and watches were invented.

The upright marker on it is called a style or gnomon (pronounced NO-mon). During sunlight hours this gnomon casts a shadow on a level disk; that is, a round flat surface numbered with the hours from sunrise to sunset. The gnomon is placed in a fixed position, usually pointing north. To get the 12 o'clock line, the shadow is marked on the disk when the sun is highest in the sky. Other daylight hours are marked on either side of this line.

There are some disadvantages of this timepiece. It can only be used in the daytime and during sunshine hours. Also the short days of winter and the long days of summer affect its accuracy. The sundial is almost correct but not quite.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude: *Living for Jesus*
 Call to Worship: Psalm 31:1-5, 14, 15
 Songs: *I See Jesus; There's a New Day Dawning; In the Service of the King*
 Announcements and Offering
 Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
 Scripture: Ephesians 5:14-16
 Prayer
 Topic: The Ruling Monarch
 Bible Study
 Discussion
 Counselor's Comments
 Closing Hymn: *Take Time to Be Holy*
 Benediction

Water Clock

Since the sundial couldn't tell time at night or on cloudy days someone thought of a timepiece that could. That was a water clock, also called a "water thief." (Show a picture or replica of a water clock.)

About 5,000 years ago, some Chinese placed a bowl, with a tiny hole near the bottom, in a large vessel of water. When this bowl filled up and sank, a watcher struck a gong, to let people know another hour had passed.

Later, water vessels were placed on a series of steps, one under the other. Time was measured as water from the top vessel dripped into the one under it. Some water clocks took 24 hours to drip out. Hour marks were made on the inside of the emptying vessel.

Although water clocks were an improvement over the ineffectiveness of the sundial, they too, had their problem. In cold weather the water could freeze and in hot weather the water would evaporate. It also required someone to watch it closely so as to refill the vessel.



Hourglass

(Show an hourglass.) Another ancient timepiece, the hourglass, was much more accurate than most of the others. It was difficult to make but men found it was worth it because of its accuracy. The hourglass told time with sand. It was made by blowing glass into two pear-shaped bulbs, joined by a tiny neck through which sand could trickle. The

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sand was carefully measured so that the length of time to run from one glass to another was exactly an hour. These hour-glasses were used as the timepiece for hundreds of years. Sailing ships used to hire a boy whose only job was to turn the glass over when the hour was up. They were also used in churches to keep the preacher from preaching too long. The sandglasses, measuring only three minutes, are used today and are a small replica of the hourglass.

Other Timepieces

(Show as many as you have of the following timepieces.) The history of timepieces is a much longer but a very interesting study. For instance there was the Egyptian shadow clock shaped like a "T." There was also the time candle which was marked to denote the passing of time. The first to use it was King Alfred, a king of England. He wanted to determine that he was spending fully half his time for God. Then there was the first clocks that were small enough to be carried. They were called Nuremberg eggs because of their shape and the place they were made. There is the story of how the pendulum was discovered to help clocks be more precise. Calendars have their place in the history of timepieces, also, as they mark the days, months, and years.

Many attempts by man to measure time failed and went unrecorded. In the creative and inquisitive mind of man there has been a constant attempt to match God's perfection which we find placed in the stars, sun, and moon. "And God said, let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years . . . and it was so" (Genesis 1:14,15). Man has not and never will reach God's perfection, thus he relies on God's timepiece for accuracy. Each day the big precision clocks in Washington, D.C. and London and elsewhere are set by the stars. Here, too we find that God has the answer to "What time is it?"

(Use the clock or puppet again.)

THE RULING MONARCH: Few indeed there are who ask God to tell them what time to get up; what time to study; what time to visit, to play, to create. I, the clock, am the ruling monarch in people's lives today—Christian and non-Christian alike. I am the one who tells them when to do everything. God does not have that place. Strange, people are afraid God doesn't know what time it is and yet they set their clocks by Him. The clock has become the god of the age.

Conclusion

Do you have problems getting everything done in a day? Do you wish you could include more activities in your schedule? Or perhaps you are one who has a problem of finding something to do in your spare time? Then there are those who find it hard to do their work at the appointed time. If any of these problems are yours then listen carefully to what the Word has to say.

In the beginning God made day and night.

In the beginning God made man.

In the beginning God made man to rule and subdue the earth.

God intended for man to have dominion over all the earth and to subdue it. Time is included in this. Man was made to rule over time and use it.

Since the beginning man has learned much and has conquered much. He has learned to control the beast of the forest and field, but the beast hate him and would turn upon him if given the chance. Man has controlled the ground and has learned to produce more and more from it but it can turn on him and devour him if neglected.

Time, too, has conquered man. Down through the centuries man has learned to keep more and more accurate time with more precision and practical instruments. He has learned to schedule his time and get more and more accomplished in one day than ever before. He has learned to fill his working day to utmost capacity and then use every moment of his non-working hours to produce a better garden, to play a better game of golf, to fish and hunt with better equipment, and to keep his house in better repair and design. He has learned to make the most of what God has given to use and enjoy and he is constantly trying to find more of God's creation to control and conquer. But because his soul is not in complete control by God, these very things turn on him and devour him.

How have they devoured? Man is restless, there is no peace in the depths of his soul. There are more nervous breakdowns, more ulcers, more mental collapses than ever before. The very thing man has set out to conquer has conquered him and made him its slave. He is enslaved to the clock, and the calendar, symbols of time. We dare not turn from the schedule we have made for ourselves. We dare not relax our pace or we feel ourselves failing and falling. A sad picture indeed, if we will be honest and allow ourselves to recognize its truth. It is a sad picture but not a hopeless one. Because there in the midst of the chaos in Genesis 1:2 the Spirit of God moved and there was light.

Light was the first thing that was given to the empty and shapeless earth. Man, spiritually, is in the same condition—empty and shapeless. His accomplishments, no matter how perfect, are empty also, for God has said man's wisdom is foolishness with God (I Corinthians 1:18-20).

However, the Spirit of God is moving amongst the hearts of empty, shapeless souls and the first thing God would give to a willing heart is light. Light reveals what is in a room. God's light in a soul reveals the chaos which is sin. His Spirit, if given liberty, then changes the chaos or sin into an orderly and beautiful soul.

To the person who is ensnared in the bondage of time, God says, "Awake, and Christ shall give thee light" (Ephesians 5:14). God has not made us to be conquered by time, space, or animals but to become "conquerors through Christ." How can it be? "Submit yourself unto the Lord" (Ephesians 2:22) and "My times are in Thy hand" (Psalm 31:15).

Scripture Search

The first one to find the verse in the Bible stands. After several or all have found the verse, the first one may read it aloud. Allow time for comments on the verse as to how it fits the topic.

A time for everything — Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

A time to be saved — II Corinthians 6:2

A time to be strong — II Timothy 2:1

A time to trust God — Psalm 56:3

A time to love each other — I John 4:7

Times to praise the Lord — Psalm 34:1

Time to put on Christ — Romans 13:11-14

Time to seek God — Hosea 10:9-13

Time to seek wisdom — Psalm 90:9-12

Time is short — Psalm 89:47

Time to wake up and get busy — Romans 13:11

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 24 Time to Put on Christ
Romans 13:11-14
T. Aug. 25 Time to Seek God
Hosea 10:9-13
W. Aug. 26 Time to Seek Wisdom
Psalm 90:9-12
T. Aug. 27 Time to Remember Our Creator
Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
F. Aug. 28 Time to Watch
Matthew 25:1-13
S. Aug. 29 Time to Be Saved
II Corinthians 6:1-10
Sun. Aug. 30—Topic: Time Is Important!
Ephesians 5:14-18

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Topics

FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Topic 1 in a Unit: Constructive Recreation

Have Fun

Ecclesiastes 3:1-17



to the Leader

Surely you will make every effort to publicize this meeting through the church bulletin and other accepted means familiar to your group. Any change from the routine activities should be noted. Perhaps, with careful planning, this subject could be presented and followed by a recreational activity. This follow-up activity should be an example of the discussed principles of "fun" which are noted in the discussion period.

In organizing the material, remember that society members could be used easily to present some of the areas suggested later. The pre-meeting get-together with these members is essential to good programming. Each signment can be discussed and each leader can practice his presentation on the group during the discussion.

Someone must present to the entire society the basic principles in all recreational and social activities. As coordinator, the leader in this discussion should present this basic material as a background for further discussion of the other suggested topic areas.

As the leader of this topic on fun, you can, by your presentation, create enthusiasm. It is essential to the success of this topic, that you generate from within yourself an attitude of interest and enthusiasm for the subject. Remind the other participants that they too are in a position to "kill" discussion by an unenthusiastic or dull presentation.

Leader's Introduction

Now to the concepts of "fun" and recreation. These activities should be of such a nature that society members want to participate in them. Fun cannot be forced. It must come as a spontaneous response to people and to activities. Fun activities for any group cannot be selective but must be for everyone and must include everyone. Fun has a purpose. Activities can unite groups or help them to know individuals in a more meaningful way. Fun must be an acceptable activity of your society and of your church. For activities to be fun for any given individual, they must be satisfying to him. Or it may be said that all activities to be fun must help the individual solve his problems rather than cause him frustration or upset him in

some way. Fun must be planned for groups. It just doesn't happen. For further background materials concerning the functions of fun in your society and in your church groups refer to the following books: *Introduction to Community Recreation*, Chapters 2 and 3, written by George D. Butler, and *Recreation in American Life* by Carlson, Deppe, and MacClean, pages 198 to 208 (church recreation).

Generally, folks have much more leisure time today than ever before. Many do not know how to wisely use this time. Many communities take the responsibility for providing facilities for recreational activities. (In your community there are undoubtedly new commercially established public facilities. Possibly there are in your area some facilities provided by or through the government. As

a leader you could take a quick survey in your own mind and list possible recreational facilities which would be available to your group.)

Some are asking today, "Must the church be the leader in determining or in giving recreational and 'fun' activities?" *What do you think? Are the experiences at the wiener roasts, campfires, hay rides, hikes, swim parties, and church cleaning parties necessary?* It seems that they are. People are seeking these experiences and it seems a natural thing to do. *Can you not then, enrich their lives by including these in the total program of your society and your church? What do you think?*

Suggested Program

Prelude: *Praise Him, Praise Him*

Call to Worship: Dear Lord, Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us with wisdom that we may praise thee in love and reverence. Amen.

Song Service: *He Keeps Me Singing; Sing and Smile and Pray; Trust and Obey; I Would Be Like Jesus*

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-17

Prayer: Suggest those special needs of the group to a number of the members and culminate these with the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me* (or insert a special musical contribution from your group)

Topic Discussion

Offering: Pianist play *I Am Happy in the Service of the King*

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Benediction

For Assistant Leaders

Each of you will be presenting an idea for purposeful recreation and fun. After presenting a few of your ideas, make every effort to have examples of how these ideas could be used by your group. Refer to *The Fun Encyclopedia* by E. O. Harbin for suggestions. Another source of ideas is *Encyclopedia of Party Ideas for Adults* by Lora Lee Parrott. Also, there are some activities carried on within your community through various agencies which could be used as examples. Find them.

Fun Just for Fun

All work and no play does make Jack a dull boy. Our society has come to accept this as being a necessary part of life. Indeed, we do need that "goof off" time. As students, teen-agers on a new job, or just because we are human beings who are subjected to the stress of living we

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need a time to relax, to enjoy ourselves and each other. Pressures for excellence in academic achievement are constantly with us and some of us feel guilty when we take the time "just for fun." *How can you individually have fun? Is your fun the other fellow's fun? What are some of the activities we do individually for fun? Hobbies? Sports? What are some activities which the society could initiate that have as the goal fun and relaxation? Can a Christian indulge himself and do something "just for fun?"*

Fun to Recruit New Members

Since every human being has a built-in love to play and to be with others, the lookout committee can use this drive to attract potential members for the society. Human nature being what it is, we do recognize that some or perhaps many teen-agers will be more quickly attracted by a recreational type of activity than they would by a devotional type of meeting. This does not say that this is the only side of our society we are to show them. The entire emphasis of the principles of Christian Endeavor must be a part of their experience.

There are a few things essential to the success of an activity in which we include potential members. Be sure that visitors feel at home. Be sure that they are kept within the group and not left to shift for themselves. Let them learn to know many of your group and introduce them to your leaders and officers. Some of the ideas mentioned above can best be accomplished by assigning them to members whom they already know. These members should be responsible for introducing the guests to the group. *Can you give some examples of types of parties or games which would help the guests in becoming acquainted? Can your group compile a list of possible guests for such an activity? Can you plan such an activity for your group and do some recruiting?*

Fun to Integrate New Members

A Roman author has said, "Tell me how you play and I will tell you what manner of man you are." In the informality of the social activity we do indeed, lose our coolness, forget ourselves, and let our hair down. We have ample opportunity to chat over that milk shake or second cup of coffee. The formal setting of the weekly devotional meeting does not lend itself to this kind of meeting ground. If new members are to become a real part of the group we must

make every effort to meet them in all ways. Through social activities we can orientate them into our group with less embarrassment and difficulty than we can through the formal meetings. We become a novice too as we engage in the antics of the planned activities of the evening. *What are some ways that you can make the newcomer feel a part of the society? Is the giving of responsibility instilling a feeling of belonging or does this scare the newcomer?*

Fun to Involve Everyone

Because we are all different we will find that we cannot please all the people all of the time. But this does not excuse us from doing our best. *What are some of the factors that set people apart one from the other? Age?* Yes, there is a great difference in the interests of the 12 year old and the 17 year old. One is anticipating the High School experience and the other is concerned about college or career. *Sex?* Yes, there are different interests and abilities shown by the young men and young women. *Maturity?* *Do the little 13 year olds want to play soccer and the older teen-agers want to sing around the campfire? Steady daters? Do they make the others feel out of contact because of their dating conduct?* (All of these questions must be answered by the group. Please make every effort to have the group look at these questions honestly.) Each of these problems and more do exist somewhere. *How do you alleviate these? Does the choice of activity make a difference? Can you give concrete examples of activities in which one of the posed questions could be a problem?*

Fun to Produce Cooperation

This concept is rather confusing. Without cooperation a group cannot easily have fun. Yet by having the fun activities in a group we can often solidify a group so that each participating member becomes a cooperative, contributing member. There are many projects which need the cooperation of each group member to be successful endeavors. Possibly the church activity committee could plan some work which would involve each member of the society and add to it the element of fun through some planned activities.

The National Recreation Association used as its slogan a few years ago, "The Family that Plays Together, Stays Together." This could be true of the Christian Endeavor society as well. Again, the basic need of man—that of being with

others—can be used to good advantage. *What are some activities that your group could plan to incorporate each person in the group?*

Fun That Wins Youth for Christ

Yes, this concept of fun is necessary today more than ever. A Christian, more than any other person, should have cause for real joy each day of his life. A person who radiates this joy is an attraction to others. The good clean fun of a Christian Endeavor society cannot be most attractive to a teen-ager on the outside. There is a danger here in assuming that the outsider is looking only for laughs. While this may be the initial attraction to a group it will not be the adhesive force which continues to hold the attention of this outsider. Most young people are searching for the right way of life or an attitude toward life which permits them to function happily. The fun activities must have within them some of the concepts of faith and attitudes toward life. Fun may be the attraction but the saving power of faith will be the final test in a program of fun.

Conclusion

Let us say that it is entirely acceptable to work at our play but it is not acceptable to play at our work. Fun and the desire for it seems to be a universal desire of all men. This desire or need can be used to promote the work within our society. This desire can be used to gain different goals. But to attain the goals takes planning and careful thought. Good things just do not happen. Our social committee must be one of the best organized if it is to function well. The devotional committee can be more successful in planning poorly than the social committee can be successful if it plans poorly. So let's all "Have Fun."

Daily Bible Readings

M. July 27	Purposeful Counseling	Proverbs 20:14-15
T. July 28	The Lord Purposes	Isaiah 14:24-25
W. July 29	Good to Make Merry	Luke 15:31-32
T. July 30	Pleasure for the Lord	Revelation 4:8-9
F. July 31	Pleasures Forevermore	Psalms 16:1-2
S. Aug. 1	Merry of Heart	Proverbs 15:13-14
Sun. Aug. 2—Topic: Have Fun		Ecclesiastes 3:1-12

Comments by Joan Pyle of Holland, Michigan
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Topic 2 in a Unit: Constructive Recreation

Fun Is No Accident

Ephesians 2:10-22

the Leader

This is a rather striking topic for social consideration. The more you read the more impressed you are that you could be talking to your social committee.

On the other hand, if your committee function and you change the personnel of each committee once a year, there will come a time when every member of your society will have served on a social committee. Looking at the topic from this angle, it has a bearing for society consideration and discussion.

here Do We Start?

1. Call the chairman of your social committee and see what is being planned for the fall program.
2. Try to find out what other groups of young people do when they gather for social time.
3. In your checking around attempt to find out if the social or recreational program is supervised and who does the supervision.
4. How can you demonstrate some forms of social activity at this meeting of your society? Perhaps there is a way, you'll find out.

Plan to have the members of your social committee assist you in the society meeting. You could assign several three minute subjects: 1. *What are some of the values in a well planned social or recreational program?* 2. *How can we have fun in developing a social program for the society?* 3. *The clean-up squad, how can they have fun?* 4. *What do we mean by fun?*

These ideas might help you to get started. Well, it's your topic and we hope you have a great time presenting. Have fun!

Publicity

Secure a piece of poster cardboard about 20 by 20 inches. Try to find pictures of auto accidents and paste them on the cardboard. Underneath the pictures print the topic title, "Fun Is No Accident."

If you have a bulletin board on the inside of the church you could hang up ping pong paddles, darts for dart baseball, tennis balls, and any other items you use in recreation. Place on a card the topic for the evening, the time, and place of the meeting.

Ask your social committee chairman to help you with some publicity ideas. Between the two of you, you should be able to come up with some attractive forms of promotion.

Leader's Presentation

You heard it before, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." But here is a new twist — "All work and no play makes Jack for the nerve specialist."

For children, play is a serious business. Through its activities their physical powers develop, and their mental and moral qualities are developed as well. They learn to be alert, to practice self-restraint, and to cooperate with one another. Play breaks down any anti-social spirit that might be found in a child. They come to know something about fair play and justice. The char-



acters they develop in their play are very real and appear to have strong personalities.

We often wonder that if there is a place where the church has failed, it could be here. Not enough has been done to utilize the play instinct in the service of the church. Children and young people are often left to play in the street, in some alley, or a vacant lot, absolutely without restraint or guidance. In such circumstances play turns easily to rough-house, to snowballing passersby or automobiles, or performing daring stunts that seem very brave to the juvenile mind. The uncontrolled gang is formed out of groups like these and boys who are merely filled with the spirit of youth are gradually transformed into anti-social animals and into criminals.

Someone has wisely said, social activities help break down the barriers that keep people apart." We cannot deny the fact that all of us are possessed with social instincts. We enjoy play and we like good fun. We are so developed. Not to enjoy fun and play would indicate something wrong in our development.

Christian Endeavor is primarily a religious organization. It is a group of youth who have been solidly won by Jesus Christ. They believe in personal dedication. They love the Lord Jesus Christ. Why can't they have fun? Why should they not play? Why should not the society provide the finest kind of socials and recreational programs? Christian Endeavor exists for service. The great movement has not overlooked the social instincts of youth and here is the reason for the social committee. The social committee has its own special way of serving each member of the Christian Endeavor society.

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
 Prelude (Pianist plays twice) *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
 Hymn: *I Would Be True*
 Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:10-22
 Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
 Prayer Time: Ask for requests — sick, unchurched, society work in the church, Christian Endeavor work in the world.
 Special Number: Vocal or instrumental
 Announcements and Offering
 Leader's Presentation
 Speakers' Presentation
 General Discussion and Question Period
 Hymn: *Take My Life, and Let It Be*
 Fellowship Circle and Benediction

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We must keep in mind that recreation is everywhere recognized today as important in the physical, emotional, moral, and social development and satisfaction of the individual. It rests, relieves tension, gives opportunity for social contacts, self expression, participation; it brings people close to one another, teaches children obedience and cooperation. It is no more "unspiritual" for a Christian than eating or sleeping. Our society should be doing something about good social times and recreational programs.

The social program of Christian Endeavor deserves a fair share of time, effort, and money. Why not? It has a way of meeting the personal needs of the society members, increases attendance, and it attracts outsiders who eventually may become a part of the society. A cookie and a cup of punch have done wonders in helping some people into Christian Endeavor where they discovered Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

We can not develop a strong social program in an hour. To do this it demands many hours of work for the social committee. It calls for effort, yes, it even calls for money. If we put no effort or money into it we take home with us a very slim investment. People have been won to Christ at social gatherings where Christ was not ignored. Why not?

Putting on a social program calls for careful planning. The social chairman should be cheerful, enthusiastic, dependable, resourceful, and energetic. He may need to educate his helpers to the importance and value of their job. Make big plans, though not necessarily elaborate ones. Make every event an outstanding affair. Colorless, slipshod planning will not interest the members nor attract new ones.

Fun is no accident. We can have a great deal of fun planning our social programs. If we lack original ideas, we can get them from other people, periodicals, books, and libraries.

A party is a fun time, not a prayer meeting. This does not imply that we can't have a friendship circle at the end of the party. Closing the time of fun with a fellowship circle sends the members home with a good and abiding feeling. There is no sin in having good fun. But we must take the time to plan it—always featuring a colorful theme or main event.

Questions for Discussion

1. How much depends upon members of the Christian Endeavor society to make the social committee's work enjoyable and full of fun?
2. What recreation standards should we keep in mind when we plan for our social events?
3. What are some recreation activities that we could suggest to our social committee?
4. What are some of the requirements for a successful social?
5. Should we plan ahead and set dates for our social and recreational programs?
6. Should we have a social event each time the society meets for its monthly business meeting?
7. What part should the pastor play in the development of the social and recreational program?
8. Why should we have social and recreational programs?

Speakers' Talks

At least two weeks before the meeting, select five members to present two minute talks on the following subjects:

1. *Fun must be balanced with other activities.*
2. *Fun must be varied.*
3. *Fun must be well directed.*
4. *Fun must be enthusiastically promoted.*
5. *Fun must be enjoyed by all.*

Leader's Conclusion

One thing we have discovered considering this topic that real fun must be planned. We also discovered that the children of God can have fun and happy times together. We have also discovered that fun must be balanced with other activities. We are convinced that it must be enthusiastically promoted. It must be enjoyed by all. Therefore, our one objective should be to present the finest and strongest social and recreational program possible for our society. It can be accomplished and we can help to bring into reality our constant dreams in this regard.

Social Committee Tips

1. Why not begin now to build a recreational leadership library.
2. Begin now to clip articles from quarterlies, papers, or magazines which offer ideas for parties or describe games, stunts, etc. File all of these ideas in a scrap book or folder.

3. Begin now to keep a record of games and stunts used and whether your group enjoyed them.

4. Plan occasional entertainments or parties in which your society is host to another group such as parents, another society, orphanage, the senior citizens of the congregation, even the ministers of the Gospel to serve churches in your community.

5. Be ready to share your knowledge with helping other groups in their planning socials and by representing your society at the planning of inter-church or community fellowship activities.

6. Don't go overboard in anything you do, but on the other hand, don't be "skimpy" and put forth the cheapest program possible. If you have money for a special work, spend it, but not all of it on one event. You must use your best judgment at all times.

Tips for a Successful Social

- Clear the date and time with other church groups.
- Plan the social.
- Always plan for devotions.
- Consider the age, number attending, and interest of the group.
- Involve everyone in the social.
- Remember, refreshments add to success.
- Publicize the event.
- Use decorations in keeping with the theme.
- Watch out for boring ruts.
- Appoint a clean-up committee before the social.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 3	Counsel of the Lord	Psalms 73:20
T. Aug. 4	Plan Together	Isaiah 1:10
W. Aug. 5	Work Together	Amos 3:2
T. Aug. 6	With the Same Mind	Philippians 4:2
F. Aug. 7	Consult the Great Counselor	Jeremiah 32:6
S. Aug. 8	Purposeful Planning	Proverbs 15:11
Sun. Aug. 9	Topic: Fun Is No Accident	Ephesians 2:10

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, pastor of the Boulevard Evangelical Congregational Church, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, \$6 per dozen, \$48 per hundred.

Topic 1 in a Unit: Program Planning

Project 65

Luke 14:28-32

Publicity

Cut poster paper the shape of a spaceship. Letter in appropriate place *Project* including date and place of meeting. Distribute smaller spaceships to members and potential members the week before. Post larger posters on the bulletin boards the church. A more ambitious project for publicity would be to have a standard cardboard rocket ship with a space capsule on the top with the *Project 65* words on it. Place the stand-up in a prominent place two weeks before.

For the Leader

Since this will be a planning workshop, it will be necessary for you to plan all details carefully. After presenting the topic material as interestingly as possible, give instructions on how the group will divide up for planning. Assign everyone to a committee. The simultaneous meeting of each committee will make good use of the allotted time. The Christian Endeavor executive committee should meet two weeks prior to this planning session to work out a general outline for each committee to follow. This is to give directions to the committees so they know what to plan. Mimeograph instructions and intended goals for the committees should be presented at this meeting. Be sure all the committee chairmen are present at the meeting and informed beforehand what is to take place.

After the presentation of topic material, set each committee to work in a predetermined place with as much privacy as possible. See to it that a counselor and/or officer is assigned to each group. Have each group appoint a secretary to report back to the whole group. Instruct them to make recommendations concerning the area of planning assigned to them. As leader you must plan well if you expect the committees to do the same.

When the committees come together again have the secretary report recommendations—follow parliamentary procedure in discussion and adoption. Have the society secretary turn over all notes to the leader. The officers should now have enough recommendations and ideas to complete the details of programming their next meeting to be held as soon as possible.

Introduction

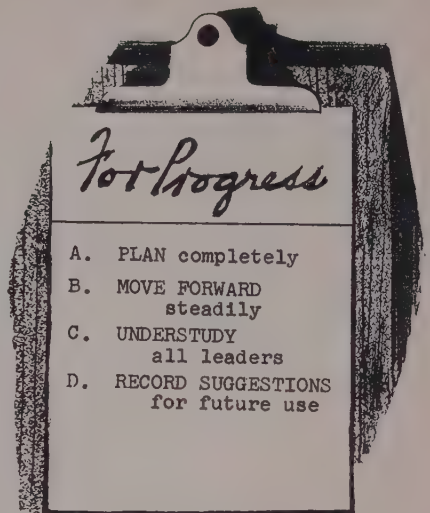
The leader should open the topic by stating that *Project 65* is a workshop for all to help plan the program for the coming months. Everyone should get the thinking machinery in gear. This is everybody's chance to get his program ideas into the program. Some explanation should be given concerning the procedure of the meeting.

The Importance of Planning

To have a workable program nothing takes the place of good planning. No worthwhile program happens. It takes careful work. No counselor or officer or small group of Endeavorers can carry out the total program. It takes everyone's consecrated hands to make the program work. In order for a program to run effectively and smoothly certain principles must be observed which will be presented in the topic.

Program planning can be fun and rewarding if done well. It takes hard work and faithful attention to detail but when you are done there is a lingering sense of achievement.

In Luke 14:28-32 we are told of Jesus teaching the multitude the importance of thinking, planning, and counting the



cost of any project. Jesus teaches us the necessity of sacrifice, work, and renouncing of ourselves for the sake of His cause and kingdom. This holds true for a planning program as much as for the Apostle Paul facing beatings and death. We carry a responsibility to pray and plan and carry out the plan of program for the sake of Christ and His Church. "For which of you desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" (Luke 14:28 RSV) Careful planning and follow through in a Christian Endeavor society is a responsibility of all members that is given by Christ if we are to be His effective disciples.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude
Call to Worship: Psalm 96:1,3,8,9
Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer
Hymns: *O Worship the King; All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Scripture Lesson: Luke 14:28-32
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Presentation of the Topic
Divide into committee groups for planning session
Reports of committee heads to total group
Adoption of Program
Hymn: *Lead on, O King Eternal*
Closing Prayer
Benediction

The Techniques of Planning

When planning a program several techniques are important to follow. The booklet, *Planning the Program of a Christian Endeavor Society* offers twelve suggestions worth discussing and following:

1. The program should be based upon the needs and interests of the group.
2. The program should be developed around specific objectives.
3. The program should be centered in persons.
4. The program should be planned locally.
5. The planning should be done by young people with Adult Counsel.

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6. The program should be an integral part of the total youth program of the Church.
7. The program should be related to that of the denomination.
8. The program should include participation in Christian Endeavor and other interdenominational agencies.
9. The various parts of the program should be integrated.
10. The program should be outlined for a full year.
11. The program should be planned in detail for quarterly periods.
12. The planning process should be a continuous one.

The Participants in Planning

The executive committee must begin the process of planning and call upon the various committees to assist them. The executive committee must study the objectives or goals of the society that they are trying to reach. Christian Endeavor believes the objectives are to: 1. win young people to Christ; 2. train youth in the principles for living the Christian life; 3. train for Christian leadership; 4. provide Christian fellowship; 5. participate in Christian service projects. The whole society must continue to think, plan, and work toward these goals through the program planning process.

It is important that opportunity be given for all members of the society through committees planning to answer important questions about the program. The questions here are suggestive and help to survey the needs and interests of the group.

1. What did we accomplish last quarter and last year?
2. Was our program helpful to accomplish our goals?
3. What are our objectives now?
4. In what specific ways are we accomplishing five major objectives mentioned above?
5. How can we improve our program to do so?
6. What specific problems do we have to solve in order for our society to be more effective?

The answers to these questions by all the membership in committees will bring helpful suggestions for a better program.

The Goals for Planning

The goal for planning is to get the program into action to accomplish the goals and objectives that are set up by

the group. There is a difference between planning and translating planning into action. Every member of the society must work equally hard to make the plan work.

In this program every person has a responsibility. The president along with the executive committee must check on each committee to see that the work is being done. If it is not functioning properly the executive committee should find out why it is not. If revision is needed then it should make sure that part of the program is changed.

The leaders along with the committee chairmen have a responsibility to evaluate the program. This means to take an honest look at both achievements and failures. Achievement should help promote enthusiasm and failure should bring about new resolve to do a better job next time.

Every member shares in the success or failure of the group, too. The program really depends upon whether individuals carry out their responsibilities, participate in the program, give loyal and enthusiastic support to the whole program.

The goals for *Project 65* cannot be reached without the support of all the members. Luke 14:10 (RSV) says "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest in much."

Let's Get Started!

Now it is time for the committee work to begin. All committees have a responsibility in the total program. Have them meet separately to discuss: (1) goals and objectives for the months ahead; (2) programs to meet those goals and objectives. Give all committees specific instructions concerning their immediate task. Encourage them to make some specific decisions and then report back to the whole group through an appointed secretary. This should be done before the meeting ends.

Before beginning the planning workshop ask three or four people to pray that God may bless the work and effort in planning. Set a time limit to end work and return to the group for report and action. If the planning work is not finished, have each committee set another time to finish it. *Project 65* is underway.

Conclusion

For the next planning session you may want to consider having a planning conference. You may find that the planning workshop during the society meeting does not give you enough time for all

the work that needs to be done. If it is true in your society, plan for a retreat to plan the program. For suggestions on a planning conference, page 6 of the June, 1964 issue of *THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK*. Extra copies of this page entitled *A Planning Conference* are available from the Publishing Department of the International Society at a cost of 15c each.

Interest Finder

The devotional committee can greatly help in its task to assign a select topic material if it only knew the areas that members of the society were interested in discussing. The *Interest Finder*, available from the Publishing Department of the International Society, can do just this. It is a checklist for members of the society to fill out noting the subjects and problems of special interest to them. The *Interest Finder* can be filled out in five to ten minutes. Plan to use this helpful resource in preparation for your planning conference.

Needed Resources

In order to plan your program effectively you will need to secure copies of the following helpful resources.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ESSENTIALS, a basic textbook on principles, methods, and committee responsibilities. \$1.25.

GUIDE FOR ACTION 1964-65 (Second High edition), contains lists of topics and monthly suggestions for the six committees from September through August. 25c.

PLANNING THE PROGRAM OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY, gives basic counsel to help society leaders develop much better program plans. 50c.

SOME QUALIFICATIONS FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP, a folder listing twenty desirable characteristics for a Christian leader. 75c a dozen.

HOW TO LEAD, hints for leaders of Christian Endeavor meetings. 20c.

INTEREST FINDER, a check list to cover local interests and needs of your society. 75c a dozen.

A VITAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH, a helpful folder outlining the current biblical theme "Through Christ I Can." Free in limited quantities.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 10 Let It Be Done in Order I Corinthians 14:36-40
T. Aug. 11 An Urgent Time Romans 13:10-14
W. Aug. 12 Prepare Your Hearts I Samuel 7:1-10
T. Aug. 13 Careful Planning Matthew 22:1-14
F. Aug. 14 Responsibility for Preparation Luke 22:7-20
S. Aug. 15 And Now Do It! II Corinthians 8:10-15
Sun. Aug. 16—Topic: Project 65 Luke 14:28-33

Comments by Rev. Nathan H. VanderWerf, pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church, Munster, Indiana, and a member of the Youth Work Committee.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

Topic 2 in a Unit: Program Planning

It's Performance That Counts

Psalm 119:105-112

for Publicity

Secure pictures of people in action such as a runner, swimmer, pilot, laborer. Paste them to poster board with the title of the topic, date, and place of meeting. Announce the meeting the week previous to the society and place it in the bulletin. Invite all members and potential members personally, using other members of the society to help you.

for the Leader

This topic is a second in a unit on program planning. It is possible that the committee work of the previous meeting was not finished. If so, it could be concluded during the course of this meeting.

The topic is a follow-up from last week's topic concerning the planning workshop. An effort should be made to review and relate last week's topic to this one.

Since performance counts, you will have to plan this topic carefully for it to be interesting and helpful. A good way to present the topic would be to have seven participants each presenting one of the elements that build effective Christian Endeavor societies. Then, have these seven act as a panel while you, a leader, and the rest of the society join in questioning them on how to carry out these important elements in specific steps. Preceding each of the seven presentations, Mr. Careless, makes fun of these elements in planning. The seven participants would then be answering him. Be sure to introduce the topic and tell the group what is about to happen. And don't forget to plan ahead of time with your participants on this important topic.

Introduction

In order to have an effective Christian Endeavor society there needs to be an awareness and application of several essential elements in the planning of the program. This topic will endeavor through its participants to present such elements for study and application. We have Mr. Careless with us tonight who will try to convince us that these are not important. He will be answered by our seven participants. The elements that are necessary to produce an effective Christian Endeavor society are:

1. CLEAR-CUT OBJECTIVES

MR. CARELESS: I don't think that objectives are important. Let's just get

started doing something. We will just divide up the work and get on with it. We just waste time deciding where we are going. Besides, that probably means more meetings and I don't have time for that. We all have a fair idea what we are doing anyway, don't we?

FIRST PARTICIPANT: You can't really plan unless you know why you are planning and where the program you are planning will take you. An army doesn't launch a battle without a worthwhile objective in mind. So a society doesn't plan a program without objectives that are clear-cut. You must know where you are going in order for you to be able to start a journey. This is just as true in planning a Christian Endeavor program.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *How do you decide on objectives? How do you make them clear-cut? What objective does this topic have? What procedure do you follow to arrive at objectives for each of your committees?*

2. ADEQUATE TIME FOR PREPARATION

MR. CARELESS: I sure can prepare my topic in a hurry. No trouble at all. I just read through the *Christian Endeavor World* once and come to the society meeting and read it. It couldn't be easier and no work at all.

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship Psalm 145:3,17,18
Hymns: *Where He Leads Me;*
Love Divine; Near to the Heart of God
Scripture Lesson: Psalm 119:105-112
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*
Presentation of the topic
Discussion of the topic
Special Music
Sentence prayers
Hymn: *Till I Become Like Thee*
Benediction



I learned to read a long time ago. Why prepare? I'll say its even unnecessary to meet to plan the program and activity. Isn't it better to be spontaneous? Besides preparing is a lot of work.

SECOND PARTICIPANT: How inconsistent you are indeed, Mr. Careless. First you read your topic because it's easy then you say its important to be spontaneous. You are a strange fellow. You can't expect people to be interested in what you say if you are not prepared. And you cannot be spontaneous if you do not prepare. Paul wrote to that young minister, Timothy, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). God tells us in His Word that it is important to prepare.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *How can we prepare topics the right way? How can we prepare activities and program properly? What can be done to improve the procedure we use?*

3. ATTENTION TO DETAIL

MR. CARELESS: Details, details, details. What a lot of rubbish. Why can't people think for themselves. I have to. Let's get the important things done and let the little things ride. We don't have time for that sort of time wasting. We have time only for the big things.

THIRD PARTICIPANT: *Have you ever noticed how big important plans go astray because of forgotten details? You recall that old Classic poem "For* (Continued on next page)

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the want of a nail a shoe was lost—.” Because details were neglected a whole country was lost. Programs and activities are constructed with a whole series of details. It’s like a flour sifter. If one hole is plugged it’s a detail. But a whole series of such details makes the sifter useless. The Apostle Paul often referred to what might be considered detail such as he did at the end of his second letter to Timothy, yet these so-called details are included in Holy Scripture. Let’s look at it for a minute to see for ourselves. (Read the last verse of the letter and comment on the details described).

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *Does our planning show a lack of concern for details? How can we plan so as not to forget details? Who is responsible for taking care of details?*

4. RECRUITING THE PARTICIPANTS

MR. CARELESS: You know, I can save a lot of time if I do everything myself. It takes more work and time than I have to get others to help me with the topic and program planning. If I do it there is no argument and no confusion. And think of the work I save others. I believe that doing everything yourself is a good idea.

FOURTH PARTICIPANT: How wrong you are, Mr. Careless! It takes many hands to get a big job done. No one else can learn how to be of service to God if you do it all. We are members of this Christian Endeavor society to learn how to be Christian leaders. Everyone has a responsibility as a Christian to serve not just sit. Christ did not attempt to accomplish His objectives alone. He enlisted the twelve disciples and then the Seventy and finally every Christian disciple to take up his Cross and follow Him.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *Do our Christian Endeavor committees function properly? Do topic leaders enlist others to help lead? Does every society member have a job to do? How can we improve our recruitment of participants?*

5. ARRANGING PLACES AND PROPERTIES FOR ACTIVITIES

MR. CARELESS: I like to adventure in my society. When I’m in charge I like to just go and stop in any room or place that suits my fancy. If our group goes on a picnic, I like to just go until there is some spot we like. If it’s a meeting

usually any room will do. We get along.

FIFTH PARTICIPANT: You may get along, Mr. Careless, but sooner or later and probably sooner you will be in trouble. Think how many things can go wrong with that lack of planning you show. Sometime the room you want to use will be occupied or the building you want to get into locked or the park you want to use will be reserved for others. You are on the wrong road, Mr. Careless. Remember how Christ prepared for His entry into Jerusalem? Remember how He prepared for the Passover feast?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *Have you gotten into difficulty over location and arrangements for a meeting or outing? How can you improve on your planning procedure in this area?*

6. EXECUTION OF THE PLAN AND FOLLOW-UP

MR. CARELESS: I sure like to have fun at the meetings I plan. Once it’s planned I just let it go and I relax. I make the plans and that’s enough! If people don’t follow the plan, it’s not my fault. And afterward I forget it completely. I plan it. Let someone else take care of it afterwards.”

SIXTH PARTICIPANT: You really need to sharpen up, Mr. Careless. Plans need to be executed and follow-up is so important to the success of any program. You can plan anything but it is not successful until carried out. Follow-through in sports activity is essential. You can’t hit a home run until you play the game and swing the bat powerfully all with accurate follow-through. Jesus talked about dying and rising from the dead. This was His plan. He did it too! It was executed and followed-through.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *How do your program plans fare in the meetings? How do you follow-up suggestions and programs suggested by the meeting? How can you improve? Where did you fail to follow-through recently? How can you correct the mistake?*

7. COMPLETION OF SUBSEQUENT DETAILS

MR. CARELESS: Meetings of the society sometimes get complicated in business sessions and discussions. Decisions are made. Plans are laid. Projects are started. But I believe if I get the meeting to the closing prayer, I’ve done my share and someone else can do the

rest. I have other things to do that you know.

SEVENTH PARTICIPANT: The last important part of planning and executing a program is to complete all the subsequent details. After everything is on the last details tie it all together to make a smooth end to things. This means of course, taking care of such important things as “thank you” to participants and those who help make the program work. It means perhaps seeing that the minutes are properly written up and committee reports finished.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION: *How are you failing or succeeding in the completion of your programs? How can you improve? What will you do in completing this present topic meeting? Who will take care of the details?*

Conclusion

Now it is time to review the seven important elements in building effective Christian Endeavor societies. Repeat them to the group slowly and clearly. If you haven’t had discussion as you progressed through the topic you should now. The participants may become a panel for discussion and the rest of the present should join in, too. Before you close repeat again the seven important elements so that by repetition they may have a better chance to be remembered in the minds of the members.

One follow-up help might be to mime or graph these seven elements on billfold size cards and pass them out to the society at the end of the session, or possibly at next week’s meeting as an additional reminder of these important program elements.

In all of these elements remember it is performance that counts. Every society member has a responsibility for performance in the leadership of the group and in the program execution and follow-up. Close the meeting with a prayer for strength and guidance to be good Christian Endeavorers in this important area.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 17	Careful Building	Luke 7:24-28
T. Aug. 18	Cooperative Building	I Corinthians 3:1-11
W. Aug. 19	Action	Isaiah 46:8-11
T. Aug. 20	Necessary Qualities	Galatians 5:22-23
F. Aug. 21	A Mind to Work	Nehemiah 4:1-11
S. Aug. 22	Building Evaluated	I Corinthians 3:10-11
Sun. Aug. 23	Topic: It’s Performance That Counts	Psalms 119:105-111

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Vacation Vignettes

Genesis 1:26-2:3; Mark 6:31,32

Publicity Plans

Prepare a bulletin board or posters which display various types of vacation activities in which young people may engage during the summer months. The caption might read: "What Kind of Vacation Have You Had?" Be sure to include an invitation on the board or poster such as: "Come to Christian Endeavor and share your vacation experiences with us." Don't forget that the time, date, place, and leader should also appear on the poster.

Send postcards and/or telephone all society members who have had irregular attendance during the summer months urging them to make a special effort to attend this last meeting of the summer season.

This meeting will also provide an excellent opportunity to invite prospective members to come and share in the inspiration and fellowship of Christian Endeavor and acquaint them with the members of your society.

Leader's Preparation

Since this well may be the last meeting of your summer program it would be appropriate to hold this meeting outdoors. A nearby lake cottage, summer home, camp, or even the church lawn would provide an excellent setting for this type of meeting. Since you have made a concentrated effort to bring out inactive and prospective members to this meeting it would be fitting to have light refreshments served at its conclusion by the members of the social committee.

If you decide to hold this meeting outdoors it would be wise to contact a society member who plays either a trumpet, accordion, or another such musical instrument to accompany the group singing. This person (or people) might also be invited to provide the special music for the evening. It is also important to select a song leader who is familiar with leading under these circumstances in order to insure a lively and yet inspirational period of group singing.

Contact several society members well in advance to prepare brief vignettes (descriptions or reports) of their vacation experiences. These should be limited to three or five minutes depending on the number of young people who are asked to participate. If any of your members have had unusual experiences during the summer be sure to include them in your vignettes.

If you decide to include a panel discussion in your program be sure to secure the panel members (either three or four) early.

Provide each with a list of the questions for discussion so that they will have an opportunity to organize their thoughts and keep within the time limit allotted to their portion of the program.

It is necessary, when planning such a meeting and when a number of people are participating, to have the meeting well organized and timed to insure that it will proceed smoothly. Set apart a certain portion of time for each part of the program and strive to keep within these limits.

Be sure to put all assignments into writing to insure against any slipups and it will also serve as a reminder to the participants. It is necessary to check on each one's progress periodically and to give assistance when needed.

Never leave your program planning until the last minute! You will find that others will get out of the meeting only what you put into its preparation. Above all, don't forget the importance of prayer to the success of your meeting.

Leader's Introduction

This week will bring to an end the summer vacation period for many young people. For some this vacation may have been the most thrilling period in their lives. Others may not have been as fortunate. Some may be relieved that this period is now drawing to its conclusion.

What does summer vacation bring to mind to the members of our society? To some it may mean a time of rest and



relaxation. To others it may mean summer camp, conferences, or conventions. To another group it may even mean a period of hard physical labor. To each individual, however, it should have at least a slightly different meaning and to each it should involve a certain type of rest.

Tonight we have asked several young people to present vignettes of their summer vacation. (You may wish to develop this in the form of a radio or television program or perhaps in a skit. If time permits at the conclusion of these vignettes others may share briefly with the group any outstanding experiences they have had this summer.)

What, then, is the purpose of a summer vacation for young people? Basically, it is an opportunity for rest. Rest from school work and other activities in which we are engaged during the greater portion of the year. It involved a change in routine allowing for refreshment or revival in our own mental and physical condition. It does not constitute an end in itself but is a means to an end. The end is the necessary refreshment which will permit us once again to produce our very best in our normal routine.

Sabbath Rest

Rest is mentioned in various places in the Bible. In the second chapter of Genesis we read that God ended His work "...and he rested on the seventh day from all his work he had made" (Genesis 2:2). Surely we do not conceive of God as being so exhausted upon the completion of His work of creation that He needed a time of physical rest. This rest was a very important part of the nature of creation. It is a work to

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service

Call to Worship: Matthew 11:28

Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*
or *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Invocation

Song Service: *In the Service of the King; He Lives; Near to the Heart of God*

Announcements and Offering

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:26-2:3; Mark 6:31,32

Sentence Prayers

Leader's Introduction

Discussion Period

Pastor's Comments

Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*

Mizpah Benediction

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be established in His people. We must not fail to realize that it was not established as a human ordinance but as a part of the very will of God.

In Exodus 23:12 and Leviticus 23:3 we find the seventh day set apart as a day of rest for the Israelite people. It was the time these people used to refresh their bodies and spirits. With the rise of the synagogue in their worship the Sabbath rest took on even deeper and more spiritual significance. It became a day of worship, instruction, and meditation upon God and His laws. It became recognized that man was not at his best if provision was not made for rest and worship. The Sabbath had now developed a deeper significance than just being a day when men were free from their daily labors. This day was now coming into the fullness of meaning as a day of rest.

Jesus, Himself, spoke of the necessity of rest. We read in the Scripture how He admonished His disciples to come "... apart into a desert place, and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31). Although here Jesus appears to be referring to physical rest, He also was recognizing the fact that rest is necessary for renewal of the spirit as well as the body if His followers were to successfully carry out the work in which they were engaged. It is just as imperative for us today to take time for refreshment and revival if we desire that our service also will be effective. If we find that we are too busy to take time for this rest then we are too busy.

Finally, Christ commands those who are weary and heavy laden to come to Him and He will give them rest (Matthew 11:28). Jesus is not promising people an escape from the burdens and cares of life but He is offering them a means whereby they may be able to meet the demands of human life. He is presenting them with an opportunity for a renewal of faith, courage, and love through His rest, not offering them a "spiritual sedative." This form of rest is primarily an inward experience resulting in an awareness of the peace which brings about a calm assurance in a man's heart and life. This promise is not one of idleness or an exemption from toil but the promise of refreshment received through worship and fellowship with our Heavenly Father. The soul that has no hunger for God or the things of the Spirit can find no spiritual rest for that rest is found in worship and communion with God.

Rest Today

It is vital in our hectic world of today that we also come apart and rest awhile. This should be the purpose of our vacation activities. They should provide for us an opportunity to receive the physical, spiritual, and mental rest our lives need.

In order to insure this period of refreshment during our vacations we should establish certain principles on which we can evaluate our vacation activities. Here are three principles that we might start with: (1) Be sure that our vacation activities are those which will present enough change from our daily routine to give rest to our body. (Do they exhaust us or renew us?) (2) These activities should be ones which bring spiritual refreshment to our lives, drawing us closer to God and serving to better our Christian character. (3) Plan activities that we would enjoy having Christ share with us. Do not engage in activities that would present a stumbling block to others.

Perhaps we can think of other conditions to add to this list. Then it would be well to evaluate our vacation activities to insure that they will be those that are suitable for Christian young people's participation.

Panel Discussion

To add variety to the program select a panel to discuss the following questions:

How much does the Bible indicate that men should rest?

What kind of rest is best for people? Are there vacation activities that Christian young people should avoid? Give examples.

What kind of vacation activities should Christian young people plan?

Why is true worship the highest form of spiritual and physical renewal?

Urge each panel member to keep his comments brief (limit him to one minute) and to the point of the question. After the panelists have presented their ideas on a question you may wish to open the discussion to the entire group to inject any comments or question the thoughts of the panel members aroused.

It would be well for the leader of the meeting to serve as panel moderator. Limit the panel discussion to no more than twenty minutes.

Pastor's Comments

Ask your pastor (or the counselor of your society) to briefly summarize the

discussion and bring a few of his thoughts to the group on how a vacation might spent that will give both spiritual and physical rest to an individual. Confide in him well in advance of your meeting clearly defining what his participation to include. His portion should be limited to approximately five minutes.

Pre-Prayer Service

Many young people's groups underestimate the importance of prayer and pre-prayer services in the success of their programs. The leader should invite the others sharing the service with him to join him in a pre-prayer service for the success of their program. It would be well for them to spend at least fifteen minutes in prayer shortly before the meeting asking God's blessing and guidance for the program to follow. This will provide a source of strength for each one as he participates and draw each person closer to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Buzz Groups

Instead of a panel discussion you may wish to divide the society into buzz groups each composed of five or six persons. Appoint a moderator for each group. Have one member of the group rotate after discussing each question. This will allow for more variety in the discussion. Have the moderators report back to the entire group at the conclusion of the discussion.

Daily Bible Readings

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| M. Aug. 24 | Rest from the Lord | Exodus 33:12-17 |
| T. Aug. 25 | Rest for Your Soul | Jeremiah 6:16-17 |
| W. Aug. 26 | Observe the Lord's Day | Acts 20:7-12 |
| T. Aug. 27 | Sabbath Rest of the Jews | Leviticus 16:29-34 |
| F. Aug. 28 | Eternal Rest | Revelation 14:9-13 |
| S. Aug. 29 | Unparalleled Rest | Matthew 11:28-30 |
| Sun. Aug. 30 | Topic: Vacation Vignettes
Genesis 1:26-2:3; Mark 6:31,32 | |

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for August

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

Marriage Problems (two topics) 1. "They Twain Shall Be One"

Mark 10:2-12; Genesis 1:26-28

Use as many portions of Scripture as you can find to help in arriving at a conclusion concerning the Christian attitude toward divorce. Make it clear to the group that divorce is in reality only the result of other deepseated problems. Use the meeting to discover what some of these less apparent problems are and what can be done to solve them. Discuss such subjects as: How much does the problem of the working wife and mother contribute to other family problems? How can two individuals follow the advice of Scripture and "become one"? How far can a Christian "leave father and mother" when entering into a marriage relationship? What are some of the Christian principles that should provide a basis for marriage? What can the Church do to solve the problems that would otherwise lead to divorce?

2. "The Greatest of These Is Love" 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; 13

Marriage problems are often avoided by developing a sound positive attitude toward family relationships. The best way to solve problems is to avoid them. Invite your pastor to this meeting and ask him to suggest attitudes and principles which will tend to create a happy relationship in a family. Study the various parts of the wedding service and discuss the reason for each part and the deeper meaning of the various portions of the service. Try to select several older couples in your church who have been outstanding examples in their married life. Why have they been so happy? Have they been specially blessed in material possessions? Would it be possible for any couple to be so happy? Why aren't all couples as happy? What part should Christ have in the Christian home? Do you think a "family altar" is essential?

Foreign Missions (three topics)

1. Go Ye Therefore

Matthew 28:19; Jonah 3:1-9

God had a purpose in sending His Son to earth. The Church which His Son established has a mission. That mission is to proclaim the fact of, and the reason for, His coming. The field to which the Church is sent on this mission is the world, every part of the world. Jesus

Himself gave the command. Discuss the spiritual, physical, and mental needs of the world which are met by the work of missions. Discuss the relative values of the Peace Corps and Christian missions. How much of time, talent, and material possessions can the Christian be expected to give to missionary work? Secure a copy of the February 1963 *READER'S DIGEST*. Read and discuss the article "Tom Dooley Writes to a Young Doctor."

2. Mission Abroad

Acts 13:2,3,47; Psalm 96:3

Many denominations are beginning to rethink the term "foreign missions." When we send missionaries to other lands, who are the foreigners, the missionaries or the people to whom they are sent? When churches are established in other lands, these churches too have the obligation of telling the Good News of the coming of Christ. In light of the unchristian activities in our social order, business life, and political manipulations, why should not these young churches send missionaries to us? Then who is the foreigner? It becomes obvious that all churches have a mission to all people. Discuss how Christian people can best carry out this mission. Would world-wide missionary organization be helpful? How would interdenominational planning in

regard to the fields each is to serve be of help?

3. How Well Do You Know Your Missions?

Acts 1:8; 10:9-20

We talk about missions and give money to missionary projects, but just how much do you know about the mission work being done by your denomination? In preparation for this meeting send to the missionary board of your own denomination and ask for all the available information regarding the work their board does. Arrange a display of the materials received. Obtain a map and mark the location of the various fields to which your church sends missionaries. Attempt to make your home and your church a "home away from home" for one of the many students from abroad. Most denominations have films in this field; consider obtaining one for the meeting. Develop plans to bring the knowledge you have gained to the attention of your congregation. Plan to make your church "missionary-minded."

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna Sell.

MISSION MINDED

By Phyllis G. Brown

Some two thousand years ago Christ gave the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel," and yet today only 30 per cent of the world's people are said to be Christian! What has happened to the zeal of the early disciples? At that time "the Lord added to the church *daily* such as should be saved." His command and promise still hold, if we would work at it.

An atomic scientist has said that spiritual energy is 100,000 times more powerful than any atomic energy developed and he asked, "Why haven't you Christians learned to release that power? Jesus Christ showed you how."

Dedicated Christians could save a world that is fast destroying itself—but to release the power of a changeless love in a changing world requires more than an annual World Day of Prayer, more than the giving of tithes for world missions, more than a few scattered hospitals, churches, schools, leprosariums, and rehabilitation centers. It takes personal involvement and concern in feeding

the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison. Our mission is to make Christ's way known in this turbulent age in which we live, . . . to be His witnesses to the "uttermost parts of the earth." It takes unshakable and triumphant faith to live for Christ wherever we are.

This space age is drawing the world closer together, giving global implications to any event. While doors in some nations seem to close, others are opening. Christianity can overcome the destructive forces of hate, strife, frustration, and evil rampant in the world today, through the dedicated hearts and minds of men and women who put Christ FIRST in the use of time, talents, and possessions, giving Him the "first fruits," acknowledging His authority, and following His command to "Go . . . make disciples."

Immediate action is urgent to release the great spiritual power possible to mission-minded men and women to so preach Christ that His will may be done in the world—NOW, while there is yet time!



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